

**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD,
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
BUDGET JOINT MEETING
May 20, 2019 4:45 PM
Room G034**

PRESENT: **Human Services Board:**
Colleen Bates, Chair; Paul Maulucci, Dianne Robertson
Sandra McKinney, Gabriel Schlieve, Don Mowry
Kim Cronk, Lydia Boerboom, Martha Nieman, Lorraine Henning
Committee on Administration:
Nick Smiar, Chair; Ralph Henning, Colleen Bates, Gerald Wilkie, Mark
Beckfield
Committee on Finance & Budget:
Stella Pagonis, Chair; Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Gerald Wilkie, Robin
Leary

STAFF: Kathryn Schauf, Diane Cable, Tom Wirth, Vickie Gardner, Lieske Giese,
Terri Bohl, Frank Draxler, Norb Kirk, Amy Weiss, Jackie Krumenauer

VISITOR: Dr. Amelia Franck Meyer, CEO of Alia UnSystem Innovations

Welcome & Call meeting to Order by Chair Colleen Bates at 4:45 PM Quorum present for the Human Services Board.

Stella Pagonis, Chair, Committee on Finance & Budget, asked that the record reflect she did not have the agenda in advance of the meeting; thus, not a consent agenda but quorum is present.

Committee on Administration also has a quorum.

At this time, Colleen turned the meeting over to Nick Smiar, Chair of the Committee on Administration.

Introductions of members and staff.

Public Input - Per Board operating procedures, a period of public input was held. No one was present for public input. Public Input session closed.

Purpose for Meeting Today: Oversight Committees have expressed concerns over 2017 & 2018 (projection) budget overages for Human Services Department.

Critical Community Issues: Drug Abuse which results in increase in Alternate Care & Hospitalization placements
Diane Cable, DHS Director, shared statistical information re: Out of Home Care, increased cost for youth in residential centers

Diane has communicated to Oversight Committees in 2018 the urgent need for Child Welfare System change to address above issues.

Presentation on SystemChange -Eau Claire County DHS (Diane and Tom representatives) is one of five counties across the country who have been part of the Alia Unsystem Innovation Cohort. This evening we have the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Amelia Franck Meyer who is the CEO of Alia, a national non-profit organization focused on transforming how the child welfare system is done in this country. As the former CEO of Anu Family Services, Amelia has moved the organization through a cultural and practice transformation resulting in nationally recognized child permanence and placement stability outcomes for children in out-of-home care.

DHS has been actively involved in UnSystem Change work at the Department, creating a vision **FAMILY CONNECTIONS ARE ALWAYS PRESERVED AND STRENGTHENED**
Our participation is no cost to the county.

Dr. Meyer shared a power point presentation on UnSystem Change. She answered questions from members and tried to project, by using past experience from other counties, the cost of the transition from the old child welfare system to the new child welfare system. Evolution of a System diagram explained.

Thank you to Dr. Meyer for attending tonight. For more information, please visit WWW.aliainnovations.org

Presentation on Human Services Department Blue Print for SystemChange – By Diane Cable

Goals: Blue Print Plan:

Improve well being of Eau Claire County residents

Decrease out of home placements

Decrease hospitalizations

Increase behavioral health and substance abuse resources

Improve caseload ratio and supervision per CWLA standards

An assessment of case done in 2016, 2017-2019 Phase I stabilization and Phase II Early intervention 2020-2021. All with keeping above goals in mind. Phase III early intervention to primary prevention 2022-2023. Prevention dollars lost in budgets of the past and paying the price for no prevention dollars.

Discussion and Next Steps:

-DHS will work with HR to define position funding sources and continue their process of reviewing each position when a vacancy occurs and potentially when possible delay filling positions

-Finance requested more actual detail on line items in DHS budget (not guestimations)

-Dollars shift for Early Intervention & Primary Prevention Goal for Intensive Permanency Services (IPS)

-Advancing Wellbeing of families by UnSystem Change in the way DHS does child welfare

The Committee on Finance and Budget and Committee on Administration adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The Human Services Board members continued to meet in order to set a June meeting date (June 10 at 5 p.m.)

The Human Services Board meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Jackie Krumenauer, Committee Clerk