

WASECA COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICE REPORT



Requested Board Date: August 17, 2010	Item: Monthly Report to Board on Human Services
Originating Department: Human Services	Presenter: Marilee Reck

1. **Income Maintenance Caseload Statistics:**
I will have an updated report for the board in September.

2. **Budget:** Ann and I have continued our work on the preliminary budget for 2011. This has been a challenging year for working on the budget. We are working with multiple changes to how the process is to be completed which has required much more time from both of us. It seems we continue to look at it and continue to have discussions on what we have done and are there additional things we need to address to assure we have completed it as accurately as possible.

3. **Acting Supervisor position:** I am working on ongoing plans for what to do in the income maintenance unit and plan to come to board in September or October with a recommendation. Sue Clayton has done an excellent job in pulling together the unit with Elva's sudden departure.

4. **Approved Child and Family Services Review Performance Improvement Plan:** we have just received notification from DHS that our PIP following the CFSR has been approved. Over the next year the Children's Services Unit will address the goals and the steps they will take to achieve those goals to improve the areas where we were found to need to make improvement. The Supervisor, Wendy Morton, has done much work to develop a workable/realistic plan for achieving the goals. In addition it should be noted that overall our Children's unit does an excellent job in service provision and that the identified areas for improvement are minor in the overall scope of providing services.

5. **Licensing audit approval:** We just received notification, 8-6-10, that we are approved following a review on 3-18-10 to continue to do licensing for child and adult foster care and family child care. As with many of our programs we experience regular reviews/audits that are completed and then we are notified of any areas needing improvement and submit a plan for such. This is our notice that we are now approved to continue doing this work (that we are actually required to do).

6. **MH information relating to loss of GAMC funding:** With the loss of GAMC funding we are finding that as a Hub (Dodge, Steele and Waseca Counties) we are experiencing the effects of a lack of health care funding for our IRTS (Intensive Rehabilitative Treatment Services, i.e. Safe Harbor which is part of the continuum of care provided by the mental health center). As a 3 county hub we will utilize AMHI funding to cover costs for our 3 counties that are not covered by MA or MN Care. However, we are experiencing fewer referrals from other counties to the IRTS due to their loss of GAMC funding for some of their clients as well. We will continue to monitor these effects on our mental health system of care.

7. **LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Plan:** I have completed the update on the LEP plan and now await approval by DHS. Once that is received I will do a review with staff at a full staff meeting.

8. Bush Grant for Regional Design Lab. I came to you in February with the request to approve a resolution to be part of a redesign project in the SE region of the state. At that time we were pursuing federal grant dollars to fund this process. We did not receive the federal grant but two of the Directors, in particular, Paul Fleissner and Kelly Harder also worked with Foundation staff at Bush and we were just recently notified by Bush that they approved us for \$200,000 of the \$392,000 requested! We have a steering committee working with Bush and a consultation group to begin the work and we are also seeking additional foundation funds. This is exciting work that falls in line with the concept of regionalization that has now been being addressed for 2 years.
9. GAMC to MN Care. Some of our surrounding counties are paying premiums for MN Care for some individuals who are no longer eligible for GAMC (because the program no longer exists). While all of us had a budget line for paying transitional MN Care premiums there has been no set way to handle the current situation. Sue Clayton is checking with our surrounding counties as to how they are handling this and I will more than likely be back next month to address a plan for Waseca County to handle this. I do have line item in the budget for MN Care premiums yet.
10. IT Regional meeting: Todd Bodem, Co Adm.; Katie Burns, IT; and myself attended a day long session in Rochester on 8-2-10 to explore possibilities and options for sharing/regionalizing IT services/products for human services. This is a session that does have follow-up work being done so the board will be kept informed of how this proceeds.