

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2008

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on August 19, 2008 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Duane Walter, Jim McMahon, Joe Wollak, Dick Soyka and Earl Bukowski present. Call to order by Chair McMahon was at 9:30 AM.

Walter/Soyka unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Consent Agenda item #3 was “pulled” for further discussion. Wollak/Walter unanimous to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2008 as written; 2) approve contract to continue reimbursement for Human Services’ mental health supervisor to continue to work with *STARS for Children’s Mental Health*, and authorize the Chair to sign; 4) approve contract renewal for *Park Garden Apartment Partnership*, and authorize the Chair to sign; 5) approve contract renewal for *Country Manor Campus, LLC (Country Store and Pharmacy)*, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 6) approve contract renewal for *SNCI Health Services, Inc.*, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Regarding Consent Agenda item #3, Soyka pointed out that the signature block should contain the name of the Human Services Board Chair rather than the County Board Chair. Soyka/Bukowski unanimous to approve the appointment of Sheila Johnson as a member of the Benton County Child Protection Case Consultation Team, and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement as amended (Consent Agenda item #3).

Deb Rieland, Human Services Supervisor, explained that Benton County Human Services has successfully obtained nine Group Residential Housing beds from Mille Lacs County, which will allow for an increase in capacity at *Cummings Care Center*. She noted that, historically, there has been a limit on the number of these beds across the state and a moratorium on the development of any “new” beds, making it necessary to obtain original or “banked” beds from counties where facilities have downsized or closed. Rieland indicated that *Cummings Care Center* recently moved to a new facility; they currently serve 30 individuals, but have the room to increase capacity to 36 within their current facility. She added that these services are funded directly through the State (Group Residential Housing Funds). Wollak/Bukowski unanimous to accept and approve the nine Group Residential Housing beds being released to Benton County by Mille Lacs County, to allow for a capacity increase from 30 to 36 beds for *Cummings Care Center* (three “banked” beds will remain).

Bukowski/Wollak unanimous to pay the bills in the amount of \$56,961.06.

Soyka/Bukowski unanimous to adjourn at 9:40 AM.

James J. McMahon, Sr., Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator

