

LA CROSSE COUNTY W-2 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

La Crosse County Human Services Administrative Conference Room

7:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paula Egge, Maureen Funk, Jackie Helgeson, Beverly Mach, Tom Miller, Lindsey Swartz, Jodi Widuch

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Ellen Prinsen, Richard Sage, Peter Thao, Nancy Wagner, Sean Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Huber, Nancy Gardner

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Miller, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve November 17, 2009 Committee minutes with the change in AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING "Approval of November 17, 2009 minutes instead of 2007". Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

TOUR OF LUNDA CENTER

Dan Murphy conducted a tour of the Lunda Center. The Lunda Center is a corporate and community training center located on the Western Technical College La Crosse campus. The Center has state-of-the art technology available, from video conferencing capabilities to high technology training rooms. The Lunda Center also has an executive chef and offers catering services.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves for the benefit of our new member, Maureen Funk. Maureen is replacing Vicki Truscott-Tridle from Gundersen Lutheran.

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Motion made and seconded to appoint Jodi Widuch as committee chairperson.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

W2 Update

Tom Miller explained how the W2 Program has changed over the years. The State funding for the program for 2010 and 2011 has been cut. We currently only have funding for one full time W2 person. Funding was based on caseload. Due to the present economy, the program is in need of work sites. After the two years is up, there will not be a right of first selection. Program will be rebid.

UPDATE ON CHILD CARE CHANGES

Jodi Widuch updated the committee on child care background checks. Background checks will be required every three months with a \$10 fee each time. Since implementation, 50 child care providers have turned in their certification. A quality rating system, Young Stars, is being developed—a 5 star rating system. A handout is attached to minutes.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Approval of February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Public Input

Chairperson's Report

Summary of Economic Support Programs Offered/Number of Cases

Agenda for Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. at La Crosse County Human Services, Administrative Conference Room.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Nancy Gardner, Recorder