

**LANGLADE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE-SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Meeting Date: 4/12/2016

Time: 8:00 a.m.

CHAIRMEN: Dave Solin- Richard Hurlbert

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Solin, Ron Nye, Mike Klimoski, Doug Nonnenmacher, Holly Matucheski, Richard Hurlbert, Robert Benishek, Richard Burby, Vern Cahak

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Stowe, Gary Olsen, RJ Weitz, Pete Pennington, Ron Barger, Angie Close, Carlene Nagel, Judge Rhode, Craig Hotchkiss, Kim Schwarz and Becky Rank

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Hurlbert in Room 203, Courthouse

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas. None

Discuss supervision of the Juvenile Justice Program with Judge Rhode. Discussion was held on the recommendation of the Social Service Committee to introduce a resolution to the County Board asking for the oversight committee of the Juvenile Justice Program to be changed from the Circuit Court and place under the supervision of the Department of Social Services. It was stated that the County Board has been considering this change over the years.

Ron Barger, Health and Social Service Director, addressed the Committees and made a recommendation to create a 3 person panel compiled of Craig Hotchkiss, Juvenile Court Supervisor, Ron Barger, Health and Social Service Director, and a Social Worker. The panel would work together to make the recommendation on the out-of-home placements to the Judge. This would make the group accountable instead of one person.

Craig Hotchkiss, Juvenile Court Supervisor addressed the Committees stating that when meeting with Judge Rhode and Ron Barger he agreed to the creation of the 3 person panel but does not agree with the change in the oversight committee, stating that if the Juvenile Justice out-of-home placement was not so high there would not be an issue with the program. There will be no financial savings with changing the supervision of the program.

Judge Rhode stated his opposition to the Resolution.

The Committees held a discussion on the proposed resolution.

Discuss Juvenile Budget overage and consider alternatives. Under the County Board Rules, the Personnel Committee (as oversight for the Circuit Court) serves as the oversight committee for the Juvenile Justice Program, however, the funding for the Juvenile Justice Program falls under the jurisdiction of the Social Services Committee. The Social Services Committee was recently advised of a budget shortfall in the 2015 out-of-home placement budget for the Juvenile Justice Program in the

amount of \$372,840. The Social Services Committee denied using its Risk Reserve Fund to cover this overage citing its lack of oversight and forwarded the funding request to the County Board. A projected 2016 budget shows a shortfall in the out-of-home placement to be in the amount of \$311,742. The Social Service Committee recommends revising the County Board rules to change the oversight of the Juvenile Justice Program to Social Service Committee.

Motion by Nonnenmacher, second by Nye to send the Resolution changing the oversight committee of the Juvenile Justice Program to the April County Board meeting. Motion by Matucheski, second by Nye to amend the Resolution stating a review by the oversight committee be presented at the November County Board meeting. On the motion to amend the resolution, all ayes, except Klimoski voted nay, motion carried.

Adjourn the Meeting. Motion by Matucheski, second by Burby to adjourn the joint Executive/Social Services Meeting, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Rank, Recording Secretary