

LANGLADE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, April 11, 2016
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Hurlbert, Vern Cahak, Holly Matucheski, Richard Burby, Robert Benishek

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Dave Solin, Scott Jensema, Gary Olsen, Carlene Nagel, Janelle Hintz, RJ Weitz, Craig Hotchkiss, Patsy Rolo, Robin Stowe and Sheila Rine

1. R. Hurlbert called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance as listed above.
4. Approve agenda – Motion by V. Cahak, seconded by H. Matucheski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Minutes of the March 14th, 2016 board meeting were approved with motion by B. Benishek, seconded by R. Burby. Motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas – Ron mentioned he will have Andy from FSET attend next month to give an update.
7. Reviewed the Budget Summary Report and bills paid.
8. The next meeting will be Monday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. As a reminder, a special meeting will be held on April 12th at 8 a.m. with Executive Committee and Social Services to discuss role of Juvenile Justice.
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Updates from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – Patsy mentioned that Lisa Wiltse is the new Economic Support Worker that just started today. Patsy will introduce her at next month's meeting. Energy handout passed around. 1302 households applied for energy assistance in Langlade County. Tara Hoffman is doing all energy apps at this time until the support position is filled. She is booked through May. \$616,421 paid to vendors for heating and electrical in Langlade County. 23 repairs were done for a total of \$5, 682.
 - b. Updates from Children and Family Services – Scott stated his staff is busy. They have taken more children in, however, most are going to relatives. Drug issues are still a huge problem. Meth is being injected intravenously which is resulting in needles being found all over. If you do find a needle, call the police.
 - c. Review Alternative Care Report – Discussed above.
 - d. Updates from Juvenile Court – Craig passed around reports. 3 individuals were discharged from placement care. 1 from Rawhide; 1 from Homme Home and 1 from NW Passage. Cases

were reviewed. Carlene passed around copies of the budget. The first 3 months are actual expenses and the rest are projected if the individuals were to stay in care. Budget was reviewed.

Ron discussed the Youth Aids, spending and the process. Ron would like the committee to recommend that the administration of Juvenile Justice be brought under DSS. This would streamline the process of administration as well as operations. Additionally, Ron would like to recommend a 3 panel review committee that would look at out of home placements and review these cases in detail. Ultimately, the Judge still decides but the panel would give their recommendations from a clinical and operations perspective.

Robin stated he is preparing a Resolution to bring this to the full county board. Judge Rhode is aware of this discussion.

In terms of mental health services, R. Burby mentioned that the system we have now may not be the best and that more discussion in regards to having a consortium with other counties to provide mental health services, (other than Marathon County), may be needed. Ron mentioned that Gary had suggested making the PT Social Worker FT and doing part-time intensive in-home to keep children in their homes, versus out of home placement. B.

Benishek stated that we need to start talking about Prevention and this may be an option.

Motion by R. Burby, seconded by H. Matucheski to move forward with special meeting tomorrow morning between Executive Committee and Social Services to discuss the change in administration of Juvenile Justice. Motion carried. Geographically, Juvenile Justice would not move offices at this time.

10. Personnel Update – Ron reviewed the strategic plan involving the 3 new positions including Office Manager, Clerical and a .8 to FT Clerical in 2017. After Executive mtg tomorrow, the proposal will go to County Board for a vote. Ron is also working on reorganization of the Social Workers. Liz Hinds is retiring and her last day will be April 29th. Scott will be moving into that position. Ron will be advertising for a supervisor position for CPS as soon as possible. Would like to hire someone with a Masters degree preferably but knows that can be difficult to find someone.
As Patsy mentioned earlier, Lisa Wiltse started today.
11. Director's Report – Ron mentioned that Governor Walker has signed a lot of mental health and drug Related bills recently.
12. Old Business - None
13. New Business:
 - a. Conference/Workshop attendance – B. Benishek made a motion to allow any Social Services member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage, seconded by R. Burby. Motion carried. Staff – None.
14. Referrals/Recommendations for May meeting – Andy Krantz from FSET will attend. Ron will also give a PowerPoint presentation showing the reorganization of new positions and shifting of positions.
15. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by B. Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine