

Minutes of Lenglade County Social Service Committee Meeting

Call the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at the Health Service Center in the board room at 1:30 pm on Monday, April 8, 2013 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Pat McKinney-Rice, Vern Cahak, and Bob Benishek.

Member absent: Holly Matucheski. Motion by McKinney-Rice to excuse Matucheski. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Carlene Nagel, David Solin, and Liane Blahnik. Robin Stowe attended part of meeting.

Approval of the agenda.

Motion by Benishek to approve agenda as mailed. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof reported that April is Child Abuse and Neglect awareness month. April is sexual assault awareness month. Next week is also the week of the Young Child so there will be several community activities this month.

Introduce new Experience Works worker – Sharon Vanbuskirk.

Van Hoof introduced Sharon Vanbuskirk to the committee. Sharon started with the department in mid January. Her role in the agency is to assist with clerical duties and Income Maintenance scanning. She is currently working Monday, Tuesday and every other Thursday for an average of 18 hours per week.

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program Update (WHEAP).

Van Hoof reported the agency currently processed 1,391 applications for the season. Of the 1,391 that applied, 1,331 households received an energy assistance payment. The total amount of energy assistance paid to local fuel suppliers was \$764,055. The heat season ends May 15, 2013 and the agency is on track to process about the same number of applications as last year.

Discuss and take action on options for Social Workers extra time compensation.

Robin Stowe reported this was referred back from County Board. Stowe reported the six full time social work positions exceed the number of cases per worker as compared to other workers around the state. There is additional work load and shorter timeframes to

get work done with the new State Standards that came out last November. Van Hoof reported that with the new on-going standards, contacts, reports and court needs to be timely, but all are taking more time. Stowe reported the Executive Committee met on this last week and they asked for a 6 month sampling, since previous extra time worked went into comp time banks, and workers were not paid out for extra hours worked, the true costs and hours needed to complete the workload were not shown.

Motion by Benishek to approve the study from April 1 to July 31, 2013 with the knowledge that the budget will be overspent with extra hours from the six full time social work positions. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Updates on multi-county human services feasibility study

Van Hoof reported she attended the meeting on March 14. The next meeting will be held on April 18 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The team is in the process of explaining step-by-step processes for child welfare, requirements of individual programs, program staffing and financials for programs. The group plans to identify places to create efficiencies or areas to partner for services if developing the multi-county human service is unfeasible. Stowe reported the information being provided to the study group should help them understand how each county currently does things and establish a baseline. Van Hoof reported the current human services feasibility study is only looking at child welfare and juvenile court services, but at some time there will need to be some outside discussions on the other components of Social Services.

Review bills.

The committee reviewed the bills.

Review and approve the 2013 Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the 2013 budget summary report.

Review the Alternative Care Summary Report

The committee reviewed the 2013 Alternative Care Budget Summary report.

Review and approve the Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.

The committee reviewed the monthly compensatory time report.

Review and approve the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the training report.

Motion by Benishek to approve the 2013 Budget Summary report, the Alternate Care Budget Summary, compensatory time and the training report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported she is waiting on information from the State on information about the affordable care act. Van Hoof reported that Marathon County, the lead for IM Central, feels there may be a need to hire staff to fulfill positions, and money should be provided. Finance plans to link positions to funding, so when funding goes away, the positions will also go away.

Van Hoof reported WCHSA (Wisconsin Counties Human Service Association) meetings occur monthly. WCHSA advocates for Human Service organizations so they have funding to provide services and programs. They will be holding their Spring Conference on May 8, 9, & 10, 2013 in Madison and they will be presenting updates on new initiatives at this conference. Van Hoof will send out information to committee members.

Adjourn.

The next meeting is set for May 20, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Motion by Benishek to accept the director's report and to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant