

## **Minutes of Langlade County Social Service Committee Meeting**

### **Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order in the board room of the Health Services Center at 10:30 am on Monday, August 11, 2014 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Vern Cahak, Holly Matucheski, Bob Benishek and Richard Burby.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Carlene Nagel, Scott Jensema, Angela Fischer, Patsy Rolo, and Liane Blahnik.

### **Approval of agenda.**

Motion by Cahak to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Approve minutes from previous meetings.**

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Communications and Public Comment.**

Van Hoof reported the second meeting of the Child Welfare Review Panel will be held Thursday, August 14 at 11:30 am here in the boardroom. Paula Brown from the State of Wisconsin will be here to discuss the next steps for the panel, and the meeting will include a brief "Access" presentation.

### **Introduce new Master Social Worker – Angela Fischer.**

Jensema introduced Angie Fischer to the committee. Angie reported she previously worked at East View as a Social Worker and prior to that she worked as a case manager at Attic. The committee welcomed Angie.

### **Update regarding Application of Brighter Futures Initiative.**

Van Hoof reported the application of the Brighter Future Initiative was presented to the Finance Committee last Friday morning. The plan will be to write for \$150,000, which will require a 25% match in the amount of \$37,500. This in-kind match will come from combined salaries. The plan is to use grant funds to expand and improve the Strengthening Families Program in the community. This is a labor intense program offered to families for eight to twelve weeks from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and this program needs about six facilitators to run. The other effort that will be written into this proposal will help the school system's PBIS, Positive Interventions and Supports, and should broaden the philosophy throughout the community that is being rolled out in the school systems. The goal of the grant is to broaden the community's prevention funds with collaboration.

### **Approve 2015 Budget and preliminary 2016 Budget Plan.**

The committee reviewed the 2015 Budget and 2016 Budget Plan. Nagel reported that she is projecting to need over \$100,000 from the Risk Reserve this year to offset the Alternative Care expenses this year again, which will almost wipe out the Risk Reserve account. Nagel reported the 2015 came out right to budget as tax levy was frozen, but the Alternative Care budget was cut by 10%. Once the Risk Reserve is gone, and if Alternative Care costs go over budget, the department will need to request funds from the general fund. Van Hoof reported that with the new MSW position, we are planning to make changes that should reduce amount spent on out-of-home placements. Motion by Benishek to approve the 2015 Budget and 2016 Budget Plan. Motion second by Burby. Discussion: Van Hoof reported that work will be needed on the 2016 budget when we get notification about Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding. Van Hoof reported it is proposed that Independent Living funding will become regionalized in 2016 rather than given to individual counties. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review payment of bills.**

The Committee reviewed the bills paid in July 2014.

### **Review and approve the 2014 Budget Summary Report.**

The Committee reviewed the 2014 budget summary report. Nagel reported that governmental revenues are not recorded as they have about a four month lag for Income Maintenance contracts. Motion by Benishek to approve the budget summary report, the Alternative Care Report and the Compensatory Time report. Motion second by Burby. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Review the Alternative Care Summary Report.**

The Committee reviewed the Alternative Care Summary report for June, and Van Hoof handed out a July report.

### **Review Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.**

The Committee reviewed the monthly report for compensatory time. Van Hoof

### **Review and approve the Training Report.**

The training report was submitted to the Committee. Motion by Benishek to approve the training report. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Director's Report.**

Van Hoof reported the agency will have meeting to cover the annual training requirements for Blood Borne Pathogen and Civil Rights Compliance.

The second quarterly meeting of the Child Welfare Citizen Review Panel will be held on August 14 and with the 2016 Independent Living funding restructuring, there will be discussions on how services will be provided and what will be the best fit here in Langlade County for kids aging out of care to get access to those regional services. Van Hoof reported the WCHSA, (Wisconsin County Human Service Association), is taking the lead and giving input back to the State on how this should be rolled out and

on what county input needs to be heard. Van Hoof attends those meetings which are normally held on the first Thursday of each month in Stevens Point. WCHSA is very interested to make sure county voices are heard before they lose funding, as in this case since we use some of those Independent Living funds to cover some staff time.

Van Hoof reported that Jill Mattek-Nelson and she attended training on Trauma Informed Care, and she will bring more information forward. Van Hoof would like the entire agency to be involved in this concept. We work with families' everyday and when we work with those families it is important to be sensitive. This approach doesn't re-traumatize families, and is a positive way of doing business.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014 at 10:30 am. Meeting will be held in the Health Service Center board room. Motion by Burby to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
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