

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

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

The meeting was called to order at the Health Service Center in the board room at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011 by Richard Hurlbert

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Dale Dahms, Pat McKinney-Rice, Judy Karpf, and Robert Benishek.

Others present: Tom Madsen, Kim Van Hoof, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. Carrie Miller attended part of meeting.

### **Approval of agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.**

Motion by Benishek to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

None.

### **Review and authorize payment of bills and review the Budget Summary Report, Juvenile Alternative Care Summary Report and approve Monthly Reports for Compensatory Time and Training.**

The committee reviewed the monthly bills. The committee reviewed the budget summary report, the alternative care summary report, the compensatory time report and training report. Hurlbert questioned the payment to Rawhide. Van Hoof reported that is for a Juvenile Court placement. Hurlbert questioned the payment to New Vision Wilderness. Van Hoof reported that was a placement for a youth with AODA issues as the agency received \$3,800 this year for Youth Aids AODA funding and used those funds for a treatment placement. Motion by Karpf to authorize payment of the bills and approve the Budget Summary report, Alternative Care summary, compensatory time and the training reports. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Update on 2011-2012 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program.**

Rolo reported that the agency has processed 941 household applications for the Energy Assistant program since October 1, 2011. Last year total applications were 1,576. The payments are down from last year and the agency has not received as much for crisis funding as it had in previous years. Appointments for energy assistance are booked into February of 2012. Motion by Benishek that report be accepted and placed on file. Motion second by Karpf. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval to join a Fraud Prevention and Investigation program with other counties.**

Rolo reported that other counties in the Income Maintenance Consortium of Central Wisconsin contract with O'Brien and Associates for services for Fraud Prevention and Investigation. Rolo would like Langlade County to join the same Fraud Prevention and Investigation program by contracting with O'Brien Investigation Services when fraud referrals are received. This contracted amount would be equal to the amount we received from our State allocation for fraud. Rolo reported that 24 counties across the State use someone to investigate fraud. Motion by Benishek to approve a contract for Fraud Prevention and Investigation services and to give notice to the public about the Fraud Prevention and Investigation contracted services. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motioned carried.

**In-Home Team Statistics and Updates.**

Van Hoof reported the In-Home team has been with the agency since June and is currently serving 14 families. This includes 20 adults and 29 children, and most of those children are under the age of 10. Miller reported the in-home team creates a 30-day treatment plan for families they work with and this plan is reviewed weekly at staffing meetings with social workers. Miller reported the team meets with families weekly or several times a week, based on the need of that family. Several families have serious issues that were not previously being addressed with services. Madsen reported the statistics are the agency has spent over \$245,000 on Alternative Care this year which is 233% of the original budget. Unfortunately, 54% of this amount has been spent on 6 families out of 26 families. Madsen reported by having the in-home team it should save approximately \$54,000 this year. Without services they provide, the agency would have spent an additional \$17,500 for out of home placements each month. Motion by Benishek to accept this report and placed on file. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Update on evening hours.**

Rolo reported the Economic Support workers and Energy Assistance workers were the two sections that volunteered to work evening hours. It ended up not being beneficial for the Economic Support workers. Their programs do not require face-to-face interviews for client reviews with the workers. They can do phone reviews or mail in applications or set up an appointment outside of normal business hours. The Economic Support computer system often went down in the evening before 7:00 pm. The Energy Assistance workers will probably start the season out with evening hours next season since they received many favorable comments about the benefits of offering evening hours. Rolo may request evening hours at the beginning of the heat season next year.

**Approval to pay Per Diem for Social Work lead worker interview.**

Motion by Benishek to approval the Per Diem for Hurlbert for the social worker lead worker interviews held Monday, December 5, 2011. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Director's Report.**

Madsen thanked the committee members for their support during his time as director of Social Services. Motion by Benishek to approve the Director's Report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Set date and time for next meeting.**

The committee scheduled the next meeting date for Tuesday, January 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will be held at the Health Service Center in the Veterans Conference Room.

**Adjourn.**

Motion by McKinney-Rice to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant