

Minutes of Langlade 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 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013 by Richard Hurlbert.

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

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Carlene Nagel, Sherry Woyak, Tracy Zwirschitz, Tiffany Myers, Robert Anderson, Scott Jensema, and Dan Bauknecht.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of agenda

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

Approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Benishek to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

McKinney-Rice reported that Wisconsin Counties Association will hold a Legislative Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Antigo on March 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and she encouraged committee members to attend.

Introduce new Intern – Tiffany Myers.

Rolo introduced Tiffany Myers to the committee and reported that she is an intern from North Central Technical College and she will assist the Children and Family Services Unit for 144 hours. Benishek asked how her schooling relates to the agency. Van Hoof reported she is observing as well as helping out with the families we serve. Tiffany reported she is attending a two-year course and will receive an associate's degree.

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. Motion by Benishek to approve the Budget Summary report, the Alternate Care Budget Summary, compensatory time and training reports; to include a note that bills were reviewed, accepted and to place on file. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss and approve plan for replacement of client chairs for agency.

Rolo reported the agency has received various complaints from clients about the conditions of the chairs they sit on in the agency. Rolo reported we would look to replace two fabric covered side chairs with vinyl covered chairs that could be cleaned. There are

fifteen offices that need side chairs replaced. Rolo reported that it would be about \$3,765 to replace these chairs. Benishek suggested checking with Finance and taking to Public Property Committee.

Discuss and approve agency policy #13-01 Paid Time Off and #13-02.

Rolo reported that agency policy #13-01 on Paid Time Off and #13-02 Hours of Work – Lunch/Breaks were developed to ensure for adequate staffing for the agency. Hurlbert questioned how much of the Paid Time Off policy is new. Rolo reported that it is all new as Paid Time Off started on January 1, 2013. Motion by Benishek to approve agency policies #13-01 Paid Time Off and #13-02 Hours of Work – Lunch/Break and placed within the policy files of the department. Motion second by Matucheski. Discussion: Hurlbert questioned if anything contradicts the county handbook. Rolo reported it did not. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss and approve new Child Welfare policies.

Anderson shared two updated policies for Child Welfare. The first one deals with foster children and hunting, firearms and archery, and follows the Department of Children and Family State Statute. The second one addresses changes to the Kinship care program. Motion by Cahak to approve new Child Welfare policies as presented. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation of Child Welfare Drug Endangered Children Cases.

Van Hoof reported the agency has seen many cases that involved drug activity lately and this presentation should explain some of the reasons for comp time and overtime for the Children and Family Services Unit. Jensema reported that nine kids have been removed from their homes as of January 1, 2013 from drug related issues. Benishek questioned the age group. Zwirschitz reported the last seven children removed have been under the age of eight years old. Dan Bauknecht reported he has worked in Langlade County's Sherriff's Department since 1999 and has been with the drug unit since 2006. Dan shared a presentation and some videos with the committee.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof shared the news article from Wausau's Daily Herald as the article reported on the feasibility study that is likely to occur in 2013 if the Marathon County Board passes a resolution similar to the resolutions passed by Lincoln and Langlade Counties. On Friday, a tri-county group met. The study would consider various options for regionalization of child welfare (child protective services and juvenile justice). The groups' charter is to answer the following question: Is there a different way that the three counties can collaborate on Juvenile Justice and child Welfare Programs that better serves the community? The focus of future discussion will be very broad and not limited to one solution and will also focus on quality in addition to efficiencies.

Adjourn.

The next meeting is set for March 11, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Motion by Matucheski to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Motion second by Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
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