

Minutes of Langelo 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, February 8, 2016 by Bob Benishek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Member absent: Richard Hurlbert.

Others present: Ron Barger, Patsy Rolo, Scott Jensema, Carlene Nagel, Andy Kranz and Liane Blahnik. Mary Pavek and Tracy Zwirschitz attended part of meeting.

Approve agenda.

Motion by Burby to approve the agenda. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from previous meetings.

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.

None.

Information from Mary Pavek from Antigo Housing Authority.

Mary Pavek provided information about Antigo Housing Authority Programs, program goals for 2016 and funding sources for their programs.

Information about Birth-to-Three Program – Tracy Zwirschitz, North Central Health Care.

Tracy Zwirschitz provided information about the Birth-to-Three program, which is a statewide program providing supports and services to infants and toddlers, ages birth-to-three, with developmental disabilities and their families. Tracy is a Service Coordinator for Langelo and Lincoln Counties. Program referrals can come from parents, physicians, family members, social workers, Daycare providers or therapists, but Tracy reported 90% come from physicians. Tracy currently has 15 clients, but the program has served up to 30 clients at one time. Program costs can be covered by private insurance, Badger Care or Medical Assistance.

Updates from FSET (Food Share Employment and Training) Program – Andy Kranz

Andy Kranz provided updates on the FSET Program. Andy reported beginning in April 2015, he had 7 clients, but Andy had 115 people enrolled with FSET on December 31,

2015. Andy reported in 2016, he currently has 122 customers enrolled. Andy shared a story of success, as one of his customers was recognized during the governor's speech at the state capitol in January. Motion by Burby for Andy Kranz and FSET customer to attend a County Board meeting to share customer's success story. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Update from Juvenile Court.

Barger shared an update with the committee on Juvenile Court cases. Motion by Matucheski to accept Juvenile Court report and place on file. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update from Children and Family Services.

Jensemia reported all new Social Service case managers have completed Juvenile Court Intake training. Jensemia reported that the employee on Family Medical leave will return to work the end of February. Jensemia reported that Liz Hinds plans to retire this year. Retirement date has not been set yet. Motion by Burby to refill vacant Children and Family Social Work position upon retirement. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review organizational structure as it relates to Juvenile Justice and the Dept. of Social Services.

Barger reported that Act 55 was instituted which places Juvenile Justice under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) from Department of Corrections (DOC). Barger reported he had discussions with Juvenile Court workers, the judge, and Robin Stowe due to the possibility of potential reporting errors. Motion by Burby to set up a special meeting with Executive Committee, Social Services Committee and Judge in March to discuss organizational structure as it relates to Juvenile Justice and the Department of Social Services. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review the Alternative Care Report .

Nagel shared placements cost for Juvenile Court and Social Services. Nagel reported the sub care budget is \$249,310 for 2016. Nagel projected costs for 2016 based on current placements, and this could end under budget in 2016. Nagel reported the Youth Aids and Juvenile budget for 2016 is \$359,432. Nagel projected costs of \$664,000 through December 2016 based on current placements; this budget is projected to be over-budget by \$304,623 in 2016. Barger reported this is the budget shortfall for several counties.

Review and approve the Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the Budget Summary Report. Nagel reported she is still closing out the books for 2015 and will bring in the final budget next month. Nagel reported she applied and received some additional Youth Aids funding from the State; Langlade County received an additional \$50,000 for 2015. Nagel is still projecting to be close to \$175,000 over budget for 2015.

Review payment of bills.

The committee reviewed bills paid in January.

Review Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.

The committee reviewed the monthly report for compensatory time.

Review and approve the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the training report. Motion by Matucheski to approve the training report. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Updates from Economic Support and Energy Assistance.

Rolo reported that Kelly Koepfel's last day in the agency will be March 25, and she will start in Dispatch on March 28.

Rolo reported that the IM Central Consortium will move to a one-touch call center starting the beginning of May. Rolo reported that three Economic Support workers will cover the call center daily.

Rolo provided an update on the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program reporting that 1,085 households have applied for energy assistance this heat season. Appointments are booked through the end of March.

Legislative Updates.

Barger asked to hold until next month.

Director's Report

Barger reported on the clerical needs assessment. Barger reported there were 6 departments that requested more clerical support, and there is now another survey to complete. Barger reported that Carrie Zelazoski from Public Health is planning to retire the end of this year. This may help open an opportunity to hire a shared clerical person for Public Health and Social Services.

Date for next month's meeting.

The next monthly committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 10:30 am in the Health Service Center board room.

Motion by Matucheski to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted by,
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