

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, February 9, 2015 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Scott Jensema and Liane Blahnik. Craig Hotchkiss, Carlene Nagel and Gary Olsen attended part of meeting.

Approval of agenda.

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

Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion by Matucheski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof reported Channel 12 from Rhinelander interviewed Economic Support staff about the number of people receiving economic support services in Langlade County.

Presentation of Economic Support Services.

Rolo shared program information with the committee. Economic Support Services include: Health Care, Food Share and Child Care. Last year in December, 5,052 residents received Medical Assistance in Langlade County. In 2014, the monthly Food Share benefits in Langlade County averaged \$390,914 and monthly residents who receive Food Share were 3,837. Rolo reported that over 25% of the county's population receives some sort of assistance through Economic Support Programs. Motion by Benishek that document is forwarded to all county board members except those on the Social Services Committee. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request to transfer funds from Risk Reserve for Social Services.

Olsen shared budget information as requested by the committee. Motion by Burby to approve transfer of up to \$100,000 from the Alternative Care Risk Reserve account and to forward approval to Finance Committee. Motion second by Benishek.

Update on Citizen Review Panel and approval to attend Citizen Review Panel National Conference.

Van Hoof reported the next Citizen Panel meeting will be held Thursday, February 12 at

11:30 am, and invited the committee members to attend. Van Hoof shared a copy of Children and Family Service dash boards that will be reviewed at the panel meeting. Van Hoof reported the department is measured on placement stability. Data shared include both Social Services and Juvenile Court placements.

Van Hoof reported the National Conference for the Citizen Review panel will be held May 18 to May 20, 2015 in Portland Oregon. Motion by Matucheski to approve attendance at the Citizen's Review Panel National Conference for Kari Lazars and Kim Van Hoof, using money provided to cover expenses. Motion second by Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Payment of Bills.

The committee reviewed bills paid.

Review and approve the 2014 and 2015 Budget Summary Reports.

The committee reviewed the budget summaries presented. Motion by Matucheski to approve and place on file. Motion second by Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review the Alternative Care Report.

The committee reviewed the Alternative Care Report. Motion by Benishek to approve report. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.

The committee reviewed the compensatory time report.

Review and approve the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the training report. Motion by Benishek to approve the training requests. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof shared a map showing seven possible regions for Independent Living Restructure by Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families. Van Hoof will bring more information about the restructure forward, as it becomes available.

Van Hoof reported she met with the County Board Chair and shared two documents with the committee: 1) Mandates affecting County Department of Health and Human Services and 2) a Summary of Revenue Sources in the Department of Human Services with the committee.

Van Hoof shared the Wisconsin County Association reported they are numerous things that will impact the Department of Social Services budget in the State's next budget cycle. Van Hoof will continue to follow as one is Youth Aids and how that will fit into the Department; the other is FSET (Food Share Employment and Training) funding, and how that will come in to the IM Consortium.

Van Hoof shared a new organizational chart with the committee.

Van Hoof reported FSET will be using an office in the agency starting April 1, 2015.

Date for next month's meeting.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, at 2:30 pm in the Health Service Center board room.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by,
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