

LANGLADE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, July 11, 2016
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Hurlbert, Vern Cahak, Holly Matucheski, and Robert Benishek

ALSO PRESENT: Carlene Nagel, Janelle Hintz, Tracy Chernetski, Patsy Rolo, and Sheila Rine

EXCUSED: Richard Burby

1. H. Matucheski called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance as listed above. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by B. Benishek to excuse R. Burby and R. Barger from todays meeting. Motion carried.
4. Approve agenda – Motion by V. Cahak, seconded by R. Hurlbert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Minutes of the June 13th, 2016 board meeting were approved with motion by B. Benishek, seconded by V. Cahak. Motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas – Budget will be approved at the August meeting.
7. Reviewed the Budget Summary Report and bills paid. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by V. Cahak to approve the budget summary and bills paid. Motion carried.
8. The next meeting will be Monday, August 8th at 10:30 a.m. Ron will be on vacation and will not be at this meeting.
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Updates from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – P. Rolo stated that Lisa Wiltse has completed her Economic Support training. She is now on site working with the other workers to learn the call center, and has been seeing walk-in appointments. She will be in the regular rotation effective Sept. 1st. Sheila will be beginning her energy assistant training on line and will be attending a 2 day training in September. P. Rolo stated that Tara has been working with crisis funds and working with individuals on disconnects. P. Rolo handed out an updated payment and services sheet on energy services that were provided.
 - b. Updates from Children and Family Services – T. Chernetski passed around her June report. A total of 34 CPS reports with 18 screened for services. 7 total services reports with 6 screened in for services. Continuing to see an increase in concerns due to substance abuse in parents and caregivers warranting their incarceration and/or ability to parent. Lack of foster homes and/or appropriate willing and able relatives to care for children. Meth is the #1 drug in

Langlade County at this time. CPS works with law enforcement frequently. T. Chertnetski will be starting back the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) group which is a collaborative effort among community partners. B. Benishek stated this is a community problem and would like to have law enforcement meet with county board to have the same talk that was given to DSS/Health Department/NCHC last week. B. Benishek and H. Matucheski will meet with Robin to discuss this option of having a county board meeting where law enforcement can give this talk and if they don't do this, B. Benishek will call a meeting between Public Safety and DSS.

- c. Updates from Juvenile Court – P. Rolo passed around Craig's update on placements. Reviewed these cases. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to accept the Juvenile Justice report. Motion carried.

10. Personnel Update

- a. Lucianne Kreger was introduced to the committee. She started on June 20th and has been training with both Health and Social Services.

11. Director's Report – None.

12. Old Business

- a. Update from joint Finance and Executive meeting from July 8th regarding request for advancing part-time Social Worker to full-time status in January 2017. P. Rolo stated this was approved to go forward and will be discussed further at the full county board meeting in August.
- b. Received second estimate on the van repair which indicated transmission is sound and does not need to be replaced at this time – At last months meeting, R. Barger mention the possibility of repairing the transmission of the van, however, we had a second estimate that indicated no need to repair at this time.

13. New Business:

- a. Conference/Workshop attendance – B. Benishek made a motion to allow any Social Services member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage, seconded by D. Hurlbert. Motion carried.

14. Referrals/Recommendations for August meeting – C. Nagel stated the budget will be at the August meeting for approval.

15. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine