

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 2:30 pm on Monday, July 13, 2015 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Scott Jensema, Patsy Rolo, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. Debi McGregor and Carmen Lehrer attended part of meeting.

Approval of agenda and Approve minutes from previous meeting.

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

Communications and Public Comment.

Benishek reported that North Central Health Care plans to have crisis management services available around the clock starting in September 2015.

Update on Economic Support Unit.

Rolo reported the agency has refilled the vacancy. The new employee's first date will be July 27, 2015. Rolo reported staff has been team focused and case load has been redistributed until the new worker can get trained.

Update of Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program.

Rolo reported there were 1,563 households that applied for energy assistance during the 2014-2015 heat season. The program provided 25 heating unit repairs and explained the furnace program runs year round. Rolo reported there was a slight decrease in the number of households that applied in the 2015 heat season. This may be due to a lower price of propane than during the propane shortage during the 2013-2014 heat season. Rolo reported that the energy specialist continue to help people who are facing disconnects during the summer months. Motion by Benishek to accept report and place on file. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update from Debi McGregor – Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Debi McGregor shared programming information that is provided to Langlade County through the Family Resource Center of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services. Debi reported that they have been awarded an expansion grant to bring the Northwood's Home Visiting program to Langlade and Vilas Counties starting October 1, 2015. This program offers long-term home visiting services to first-time parents who meet eligibility requirements and they can offer services to those families for up to five years. Debi reported the Children's Trust Fund is funding Community Response

programming in Langlade, Oneida and Forest Counties through a 5-year renewable grant. This program serves families who have been reported for possible child abuse and neglect and were either screened out or closed after initial assessment by the Children and Family Services unit. This program can serve families up to four months. The programming helps families set goals for what they want to accomplish and helps connect them to community services. A copy of Debi's report is attached to the minutes.

Update from Children and Family Services.

Jensemia provided an update reporting the unit is investing 10 families based on one referral last week. Jensemia reported that Van Hoof and he met with Judge Rhode, and they will continue to meet with him quarterly.

Update from Juvenile Court.

No update this month.

Review Alternative Care Report.

The committee reviewed the Alternative Care Budget summary reports.

Review and approve the Budget Summary Reports.

The committee reviewed the budget reports from May and June.

Review payment of bills.

The committee reviewed the bills paid in May and June.

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 monthly reports and place on file. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported that she is working to set up community wide training on Trauma Informed Care for the agency and the community.

Van Hoof reported that WCHSA (Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association) has started working on the 2016 contracts with State Departments. Van Hoof reported they are seeing a reduction on Economic Support funding going into 2016 that we will need to work on, but we are capped on the number of staff we need based on consortium contracts. Van Hoof has been asked to be one of three representatives that serve on the Executive Committee for the northern area. They met the first Thursday of the month in Stevens Point, but if she is unable to attend, she can attend by phone.

Van Hoof reported there are grant opportunities coming in the future and she will bring more information to the group studying alternative care costs for discussion. These are

public/private partnerships that could build on what we have with the Family Resource Center and the Community Response model. Moving forward, these grants may be part of the bigger picture of funding to help improve and broaden the service delivery continuum.

Date for next month's meeting.

The next monthly committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, at 2:30 pm in the Health Service Center board room.

The next Special Session to discuss Out of Care Home costs will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Health Service Center board room.

Motion by Burby to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant

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Programs completed 1/1/2015 – 6/30/2015

33 sessions of 4K Family Event activities funded by Antigo Unified School District
23 sessions of Play and Learn, funded by the City of Antigo, Langlade County and United Way
16 sessions of Nurturing Parenting funded by Langlade County
1 Parent Coaching sessions (tele.) funded by Langlade County
89 One to One meetings with parents to distribute Babies First Books funded by Antigo School District
31 families served in Community Response in Langlade County, funded by Children's Trust Fund

Participants across all programs, excluding Community Response:

Unduplicated Adults – 204 Children - 126
Duplicated Adults – 418 Children - 430

Participants in programs funded by Langlade Co., excluding Community Response:

Unduplicated Adults – 40 Children - 52
Duplicated Adults – 126 Children - 162

Outcomes: Program outcomes are collected using a variety of survey tools, depending on the program. Detailed outcomes will be reported at year-end.

CHW/Community Services Updates and Services:

The Northwoods FRCN was established in 9/2011 after receiving two new grants to serve Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida, Forest and Vilas Counties. Our services will be provided through three existing FRCs in Rhinelander, Merrill and Antigo. Our staff in Antigo are housed in the Antigo Middle School.

Children's Trust Fund is funding Community Response programming in Langlade, Oneida and Vilas Counties through a 5-year renewable grant. This program serves families who have been reported for possible child abuse and neglect and were either screened out or closed after initial assessment.

Wisconsin DCF is funding the Northwoods Home Visiting program in Lincoln, Oneida and Forest Counties in a renewable 5-year grant. Through this program we serve at-risk expectant moms with weekly home visits using the PAT curriculum. We have been awarded an expansion grant to bring this program to Langlade County and Vilas County 10/1/15. We will offer long-term home visiting services to first-time parents who meet eligibility requirements.

Parenting classes - We offer the Nurturing Parenting program, a 10 session parenting class, four times per year. This class serves a small number of individuals, all of whom were referred to us by DSS this year.

Play and Learn is held each week at the Antigo Community Church (new location to allow greater accessibility.) During summer months, programs are often held outside or in the community, offering a variety of parent/child activities.

Community Collaboration – our staff is available to participate in collaborative work groups in Langlade County. Currently, our CRP staff serve on the CST Board and participate in team meetings as needed. We also participate in (co-chair) the Langlade Co. Citizens Review Panel.

Upcoming Programs and Services

We will work with Langlade County DSS to determine the work plan for the remainder of the year. Our current work plan includes:

- Nurturing Parenting – two additional sessions of 10 classes in Antigo
- Play and Learn, weekly
- One to one parent consultation – in person or by phone
- Community Response services to families referred by Langlade county DSS.
- Home Visiting service to first-time parents – starting fall, 2015.
- Facebook promotion of parenting information and programming