

Minutes of Langle 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 Thursday, July 14, 2011 by Richard Hurlbert

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Dale Dahms, Judy Karpf, and Robert Benishek.

Member absent: Pat McKinney-Rice.

Others present: Tom Madsen, Patsy Rolo, and Liane Blahnik.

Approval of agenda

Motion by Dahms to approve the agenda. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion by Benishek to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by Dahms. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

None.

Discuss Evening hour for Department of Social Services

Hurlbert reported that at the Personnel Committee meeting, the union stated that not all union employees agreed to evening hours for the Department of Social Services. Madsen reported he still plans to move forward with this, as this option provides good customer service. Madsen will schedule an agency staff meeting in August. The committee would like to attend this agency staff meeting.

Review and authorize payment of bills and review the Budget Summary Reports, Juvenile Alternative Care Summary Report and approve Monthly Reports for Compensatory Time and Training.

The committee reviewed the monthly bills. The committee reviewed the budget summary report, the alternative care summary report, the compensatory time report and training report. Motion by Dahms to authorize payment of the bills and approve the Budget Summary reports, Alternative Care summary, compensatory time and the training report. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Department of Social Services Plan and Budget Hearing.

Madsen reported the State sent us a letter stating that each Health or Human Community Services agency is required to hold a hearing on their Plan and Budget. This can be rolled into and held the same time as the budget hearing held for the County at the County Board meeting in October. If this changes and the agency needs to hold a separate hearing, Madsen will let the committee know.

Approval for the Department of Social Services to enter into an agreement with other counties to form an Income Maintenance Regional Consortium.

Madsen reported the committee knows of the governor's budget and the proposal to centralize the income maintenance programs. The alternative proposal is to set up an income maintenance consortium similar to what they did with the Aging and Disability Resource Centers. The Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association, the Wisconsin Counties Association, staff members, and members of the Joint-Finance Committee want us to get approval from our oversight committee to go into negotiations with other counties to form a regional consortium. Each newly formed consortium of seven counties would need to serve a minimum of 40,000 cases. If a consortium had ten counties, they would need to serve 78,000 cases. Madsen reported they have until October 1, 2011 to put this together as the State is asking for implementation on January 1, 2012. Motion by Karpf to approve and support the resolution that grants authority to the Director of Social Services to negotiate and join a regional Income Maintenance consortium with neighboring counties. Discussion: Benishek asked that the State Statute be listed in this resolution. Motion second by Dahms. Three ayes; one nay; one absent. Motion Carried.

Approval to refill vacant Social Work position in the Children and Family Services Unit.

Madsen reported the Tonja Fischer resigned her position and her last day will be Friday, July 15. Madsen requested support to refill this social work position in the Children and Family Services Unit. Motion by Benishek to approve refilling this vacant position. Motion second by Dahms. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve Children and Family Services Grant Proposal.

Madsen reported there is a grant out for Permanency Roundtables for Children in Out-of-Home Care. This is a team concept to analyze and look at why children are out of home and how they can be reunified with their parents. This is a one-time grant which does not require any match. Many counties will be applying for this grant and we will be working with neighboring counties. Motion by Dahms to approve applying for this Children and Family Services Grant Proposal. Motion second by Karpf. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

2011-2012 Budget Update

Madsen reported the Department Heads had their budget with the Finance Director and the Social Service Department tax levy will be \$849,104 for 2012.

Director's Report.

Madsen reported the agency was audited by the Wisconsin Heat/Energy Assistance Program was audited. Madsen reported the two-day audit went well. Motion by Benishek to approve the Director's Report. Motion second by Dahms. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Set date and time for next meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting date for August 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Veteran's Conference room in the Health Services Center building.

Adjourn.

Motion by Karpf to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant