

Minutes of Lenglade 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 2:00 pm on Monday, July 27, 2015 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Scott Jensema, Craig Hotchkiss, Kari Lazars, Carlene Nagel, Toni Simonson, and Liane Blahnik.

Approve agenda and minutes from previous meeting.

Motion by Matucheski to approve the revised agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

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

Jensema reported that Brandi Bennett submitted her letter of resignation. Van Hoof reported this position is under probation period and is asking approval from the committee to refill. Motion by Burby to approve refilling the vacant Social Work position. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review operational improvements list for Department of Social Services.

Van Hoof reported the Finance Department asked all departments to think about operational improvements that can be planned for implementation in 2018. They are due the end of the month. Van Hoof plans to ask for a FTE clerical position and a FTE Social Service Aide position. Van Hoof reported the LTE clerk position will end in December 2015, and currently there is not funding available for this position in 2016. The Social Service Aide position would help coordinate supervised visits and provide in-home parenting services.

Review Comparable County Data.

Van Hoof shared data from comparable counties. Added to the list were poverty rate in county, population, percent of white population and household income in comparable counties. Some counties were in their budget process so no responses were provided.

Discuss recommendations to present to Executive Committee - August 10th.

Van Hoof shared the following list of recommendations:

ACES/Trauma Informed Care Training Roll-Out.

Van Hoof reported this would include creating family friendly environments including adding painted murals on walls in hallways, changing the paint color in offices and training for agency staff and community partners in ACES/Trauma Informed Care Practices. Toni Simonson reported NCHC (North Central Health Care) is training their

entire staff on ACES/Trauma Informed Care utilizing the DHS trainer, Scott Webb, through the Trauma Project.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services

Van Hoof is suggesting a transition from group parenting to One-on-One Parenting sessions where we could impact families with children of any age. A full time employee from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services could provide parenting for up to 10 families at one time. Plans are to collaborate with schools and other departments for group based parenting programs and to utilize UW Extension and the Head Start group based parenting/co-parenting programs already in place. Head Start has been successful at bringing community partners in.

Boys and Girls Club

Van Hoof plans continued support for the Boy's and Girl's Club Mentoring Program and will try to ensure full utilization of that program. A suggested modification would be to divert funding to One-to-One parenting. Van Hoof reported that with limited budgets, we are finding it difficult to link outcomes, as we are not getting the benefit we could see versus putting funding into evidence based programming.

North Central Health Care

Van Hoof plans to utilize programming at NCHC and to train all child welfare staff to use the CST (Coordinated Services Team) approach and discuss options with community partners. Van Hoof plans full utilization of the CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) and build on the potential billing mechanism for the MSW (Masters Social Work) position in Social Services to service Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice families and children. Van Hoof wants staff to make appropriate referrals to NCHC Out-patient Counseling and In-Home therapy programs.

Staffing

Van Hoof plans to restructure position funded with Safe and Stable Families funding to include Independent Living until this program becomes regional. Van Hoof plans to pilot the use of two I-Pads with mi-fi for CFS staff to work remotely in the field. Van Hoof plans to look at funding for voice recognition software. Utilizing technology could reduce paperwork and computer time. Staff has requested funding allocation for texting services since many clients use texting for communication. Van Hoof reported the Foster Care Coordinator position will be shared and contracted with Taylor County. Plans are to explore the transfer of DOC (Department of Corrections) to DCF (Department of Children and Families) when more information is available.

Van Hoof provided approximate costs to each item for when she forwards to the Executive Committee. Motion by Burby to approve recommendations and to forward to the Executive Committee. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

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.

Motion by Burby to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant