

LANGLADE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, June 12th, 2017
10:00 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sheila Rine, Ron Barger, Patsy Rolo, Jayme Conklin-Solin and Michelle Arrowood

1. H. Matucheski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance as listed above. Ron introduced Jayme Conklin-Solin who is an intern with the CFS unit. Jayme stated she graduated from UW Stevens Point in May and is finishing up her internship in August.
4. Approve agenda – Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by B. Benishek to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
5. Minutes of the May 8th, 2017 board meeting were approved with motion by V. Cahak, seconded by J. Novak. Motion carried.
6. Reviewed the Budget Summary Report and bills paid.
7. The next meeting will be Monday, July 10th, 2017. Ron spoke with the Judge who stated he is in court on Mondays but could meet at 4 p.m. V. Cahak stated the Public Property also meets that day around 3:30 p.m. but he will try to change the Public Property mtg to an earlier time. After discussion, will set the next meeting for Monday, July 10th at 4 p.m. in Room 203 at the Courthouse.
8. Update from AVAIL – Michelle Arrowood passed around an informational sheet with statistics from AVAIL and explaining what AVAIL offers. There was an increase in client services of 18% from 2015 to 2016. 52 individuals were denied due to lack of space, therefore, the staff reach out to other centers until space is available here. Michelle indicated they are looking at expanding but are currently in the beginning phase. Michelle indicated the individuals need to be self-sufficient for themselves and their families. They do have children's programs in place if the parent needs to go to appointments or are looking for a job. 6 years old is the average age of the children they see. Discussed funding and problems they are seeing at AVAIL. Michelle also stated she is working with Rhinelander to prevent homelessness. Ron stated in the most current WI Counties Magazine, they talk about the homeless issue in Wisconsin.
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Updates from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – Patsy passed around her report. Applications were due by last Friday, June 9th for the vacant ES position. Kelly Koepfel is completing her training and will be assigned to the call center starting in August. Energy assistance closed May 15th. Calls will continue to be received throughout the summer for

furnace issues and crisis situations. In August, we will start preparing for the 2017-2018 season. New applications will start on October 1st.

- b. Updates from Children and Family Services – Ron passed around Tracy’s report. Already seen more screened in this year in the first 6 months, than all of last year. Continuing trend of drugs in home with children. Workers responding with law enforcement on a regular basis. Ron stated he was approached by several county board members stated that he sent 3 county employees to Alaska. Ron reminded the committee that only 1 – Tracy Chernetski, is a county employee and this was paid for by the Citizen Review Panel, not with county funds. 2 other individuals, Cindy Fischer from the Antigo Unified School District and Stephanie Fassbender, with the Children’s Hospital also attended. The Citizens Review Panel reviews CFS programs and review situations and what could possibly be done differently.
- c. Updates from Juvenile Court – Craig passed around his report. 1 individual was discharged from a group home. Ron discussed the space issues at the court house. Both the Judge and Ron would like to see Juvenile Justice remain at the court house.
- d. Legislative Update – Ron has nothing at this time to report on the pending Legislation.

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At approximately 10:30 a.m., consider moving into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c)(f), Wis. Stats., to review employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and/or to review financial, medical, social or personnel histories of specific persons, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data.

Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by V. Cahak to move into closed session. Chairman H. Matucheski, aye; D. Hurlbert, aye; V. Cahak, aye; J. Novak, aye; B. Benishek, aye. The committee commenced to closed session at 10:50 a.m.

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At approximately 10:45 a.m., return to open session with possible action taken on any matters discussed in closed session.

Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by B. Benishek to return to open session. All ayes, motion carried. The committee returned to open session at 11:05 a.m.

Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by V. Cahak to have D. Hurlbert sit in on the interviews and if D. Hurlbert is not available, J. Novak will be next to sit in the interviews. Motion carried.

12. Director’s Report and Personnel Update:

- a. Update on vacant positions – Ron indicated there is 1 Economic Support opening and 2 Social Worker openings. Applications closed last Friday, June 9th. Motion by J. Novak, seconded by V. Cahak to refill one Social Worker position that became available last week. This was already in the budget and needs to have final approval of the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

13. Old Business:

- a. Panic buttons – Ron reviewed where we are at with the panic buttons. The county will be doing most of the wiring, which will save some money in the long run. Per Mar should be coming this week to finish installation if the wiring is complete.
- b. Update on Citizens Review National Conference – Tracy will review this next month.

14. New Business:

- a. Conference/Workshop attendance – Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by V. Cahak to allow any Social Services member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
- b. Request to purchase vehicle for use by CFS in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 and if approved, to send request to Finance Committee – Ron reviewed that currently, there are 2 vehicles available for use for the CFS workers. One has close to 200,000 miles and the other vehicle has close to 140,000 miles. The transmission is going out on one and just had brakes replaced in the other. At the last Finance meeting, it was discussed to purchase this vehicle now, rather than way until 2018. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by J. Novak to move forward with purchasing another vehicle, not to exceed \$20,000 and to forward on to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

15. Referrals/Recommendations for July – Tracy will report on her conference related to Citizens Review panel that was held in Alaska.

16. Motion D. Hurlbert, seconded by V. Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine