

Minutes of Langlade County Social Service Committee Meeting

Call the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at the Health Service Center in the board room at 1:30 pm on Monday March 11, 2013 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Member absent: Pat McKinney-Rice. Motion by Matucheski to excuse McKinney-Rice. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the agenda.

Motion by Cahak to approve agenda as mailed. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from the previous meeting.

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

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof reported the Human Services Day at the Capitol in Madison on April 10, 2013, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Motion by Benishek that expenses for Social Services Committee members who attend be allowed. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried. Van Hoof will need to make reservations by March 25 for those who plan to attend.

Approve extra hours for Economic Support Staff.

Rolo reported the agency received Economic Support bonus funds from the Food Share Program for its payment error rate performance for work performed during FFY 2011. The agency needs to use for Economic Support items in 2013. Rolo would like to allow workers to work up to 40 hours per weeks to get their work done. Rolo reported some funds will also be used to purchase a forms rack for Economic Support forms. Motion by Matucheski that Economic Support workers be allowed to work up to 40 hours per week. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve request for Social Services to apply for a Supervised Visitation Program Grant.

Van Hoof reported she was contacted by Children's Service Society about a grant that is due this Friday. Van Hoof would like to look at applying for this grant in 2014 as this is a regional based program. Grant includes funding for staff and a location to have supervised visits when parents have domestic violence issues, or parents are separated due to safety issues and need a supervised visitation place. The location will provide secure custodial exchanges for children. The closest safe exchange place is in Wausau, so applying for this grant would allow an opportunity for us to have one located in our community. The

grant is a three-year grant that would cover the facility and staffing costs, and if we used a regional approach we could look for neighboring counties and for tribal collaboration on this grant. The committee laid this agenda item over to next month for more information.

Discuss 2012 budget and approve transfer from Risk Reserve funds to cover budget shortage for 2012.

Nagel handed out the 2012 budget summary reporting the year ended with the department being over-budget by \$54,457.57. Nagel reported the State returned some Youth Aids revenue they were holding on to and Homme Home returned some reserve funds from their audit. Van Hoof previously asked for \$120,000 from the Risk Reserve account to pay for the In-Home team, so no additional action is needed. Hurlbert asked about the remaining balance in the Alternative Care Risk Reserve account. Van Hoof reported that Social Services has \$238,642 and Juvenile Court has \$80,000 which brings the total to \$318,642 left in the Risk Reserve account.

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

The committee reviewed the monthly bills, the budget summary report, a revised training report and compensatory time report. Motion by Benishek to approve the Budget Summary report, the Alternate Care Budget Summary, compensatory time and the revised training reports; to include a note that bills were reviewed, accepted and to place on file. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Discuss converting Social Workers to exempt salaried employees.

Van Hoof reported this was taken to Finance and Personal Committees last week and both committees approved forwarding to full county board. This would start on April 1, 2013. Currently the Social Workers are working up to 40 hours a week and the extra 5 hours is being paid out with funds from the Risk Reserve account and this was approved through March 31, 2013. Van Hoof reported that previously when Social Workers worked over 35 hours this time was put into a comp time bank. Van Hoof reported the Social Workers had a hard time scheduling their comp bank time off because of workloads and there is not money in the budget to pay out comp time at the end of the year. Van Hoof reported that by moving to exempt positions, the Social Workers will have five extra hours a week to get their work done and will no longer be banking comp time.

Updates on multi-county human services feasibility study.

Van Hoof reported the second multi-county human services feasibility study meeting will be held on March 14 at North Central Health Care. The three counties attended the last meeting and the study has broadened to see how Human Services can be served across the county and across all three counties. All three counties want to see where they can get efficiencies. Van Hoof reported they is a need for a full feasibility study to see what is best for Langlade County residents.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported that last month we discussed an in-home team with Family Counseling Services, but after the meeting we were approached by Gary Bezucha from North Central Health Care (NCHC) and since the money was approved decided to contract with North

Central Health Care to provide Intensive In-Home and Wrap-Around-Services. The goal of this contract is to provide services to get kids back home with parents, or for those at risk of placement to have in-home services to keep kids in their parental homes safely. NCHC will only bill our agency for services they cannot bill Medical Assistance through their new Comprehensive Services Program.

Van Hoof reported we were asked to check to see how well our chairs would clean first before pursuing issue further. Van Hoof will bring this back next month.

Van Hoof that March is Social Worker appreciation month.

Van Hoof reported that April is Child Abuse and Neglect awareness month.

Van Hoof reported the local legislative meeting will be held on March 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Holiday Inn Express.

Adjourn.

The next meeting is set for April 8, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Motion by Matucheski to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant