

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, March 9, 2015 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Members absent: Bob Benishek.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Scott Jensema Craig Hotchkiss, Carlene Nagel, Gary Olsen and Liane Blahnik. Stephanie Bowman attended part of meeting.

Approval of agenda.

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

Approve minutes from previous meeting.

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

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof shared information about Human Services Day at the Capitol. Date is set for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. All county officials with an interest in human services are encouraged to participate in discussions with their legislators about the state of human services funding and service delivery in Wisconsin.

Discuss special session meeting dates for Study of Out of Home Costs for Juvenile Court and Children and Family Services Programs.

Van Hoof handed out a timeline. The committee scheduled a special session for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Meeting will be held in the Health Service Center board room. Community Partners will be invited to the special session. Van Hoof asked the committee is there was specific data they want to look at during this study. Burby would like to see comparable county programs provided and program costs. Matucheski requested information about their staffing levels and patterns; she also requested information on Foster Care Homes and other providers. Van Hoof reported she will use comparable counties that have similar population, percent of white population, household income, poverty rate, percent of population 18 years of age or under, percent of population age 5 years old or younger, and percent of population 65 years of age and older. The committee requested that Van Hoof include Lincoln County also in the comparable counties of Crawford, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Richland, Taylor, Vilas and Vernon. Burby requested that management and job duty philosophy be included in gathered information as it may be important and could make a difference.

Updates on Children and Family Services

Jensemia reviewed services provided by the Masters Social Work position in the Children and Family Services Unit. Some barriers she has helped parents with include securing SSI (Supplemental Social Security Income), securing employment, obtaining housing and Food Share and Badger Care benefits. Van Hoof reported many of the cases in both Children and Family Services and Juvenile Court systems have unmet mental health issues. There needs to be a way for people to access services more readily than they can now. The CHIPS orders speak to parents behaviors many times, but Juvenile Court services are for the child who committed the delinquency. The committee asked how much more this position costs per year. Van Hoof reported about \$9,500, but amount saved since this position began is \$15,604.

Review Payment of Bills.

The committee reviewed bills paid.

Review and approve the Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the budget summary report.

Review the Alternative Care Report.

The committee reviewed the Alternative Care Report.

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 Cahak to approve the training requests. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported the agency has some Food Share bonus money that needs to be used before the end of March, so the agency will be purchasing another scanner that is required for Income Maintenance (IM) documents and shredders for all IM workers. After the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance audit, we found we need to shred papers in workers offices to be in compliance.

Van Hoof shared a document from the Department of Children's Families secretary Eloise Anderson, about changes recommended for Income Maintenance and W2 and drug tests for clients, and changes based on the Governor's budget regarding the transfer of Juvenile Justice Program from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Children and Families. The Governor's proposal will enable the state to align the child welfare and juvenile justice systems to achieve better outcomes for the children, youth, and families involved in both systems.

Date for next month's meeting.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at 2:30 pm in the Health Service Center board room.

The committee scheduled a special session for April 27 at 2:00 pm to discuss costs of out-of-home care.

Burby shared a letter with the committee that he plans to send out to all county board members.

Motion by Burby to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by,
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