

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 10:30 am on Monday, November 11, 2013 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Holly Matucheski, Pat McKinney-Rice, and Vern Cahak. Bob Benishek was absent.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, and Liane Blahnik.

Approval of the agenda.

Motion by Cahak to approve agenda as mailed. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. 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.

Discuss contract funding for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services.

The committee reviewed the 2014 work plan for Family Corner Resource Center (FCRC) services provided with funding from Langlade County. The FCRC's work plan was developed in coordination with the Department of Social Services staff and can be adjusted as necessary to best meet the needs of Langlade County families. Van Hoof reported a goal of the agency is to get visitations out in the community in a safe, non-threatening environment, where Social Services is not involved. Motion by Matucheski to approve funding in the amount of \$12,500 for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Discussion: Hurlbert requested quarterly updated from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Discuss contract funding for Boys and Girls Club

The committee reviewed the 2014 work plan for Boys & Girls Club for services to be provided with funding from Langlade County. Van Hoff reported \$5,000 will be used to start a peer mentoring program. This program will have 20-25 High School students, mentoring middle school and elementary students, at their schools. Funding will also be used to provide outreach services to White Lake and Elcho. Motion by Matucheski to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Boys & Girls Club. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Discussion: Hurlbert requested quarterly updates from the Boys & Girls Club. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof reported the next Human Services Feasibility study meeting has been rescheduled to November 20, and will be held from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program) updates

Rolo reported she received an email reporting that WHEAP funds will be released this week. Rolo reported the next available appointment is early February. Rolo reported that Tara Hoffman has been processing regular appointments and crisis appointments for applicants needing bulk fuels. Liane Blahnik has been processing regular applications and processing applications for the emergency furnace program.

Updates on multi-county human services feasibility study

Van Hoof shared a draft of the feasibility study outcome with the committee. Van Hoof reported she will attend a telephone conference later today with the directors from Marathon and Lincoln counties where they will discuss the six topics brought up by Ken Day. They plan to discuss why they entered into the study, what they want to accomplish with the study, and will it benefit our community partners. Van Hoof stated that anything this study does, will need to improve services at the county level. Van Hoof reported that she noticed the cost savings is more of a shift in funding since some of the management piece could be shared between the three counties, but Van Hoof wants it noted that it is very important for Economic Support Services and Children and Family Services to have a site manager available to complete everyday operations, as both programs require daily supervisory approvals.

Update on Children and Family Services Unit.

Van Hoof reported the agency received 352 CPS (Child Protective Services) reports in 2013. The agency screened in 128 of those referrals. Van Hoof reported that 90 of the maltreatment reports were based on neglect, and the majority of drug cases fall under this category.

The State's Dashboard for Child Protective Services was reviewed with the committee. Van Hoof reported the agency will be recruiting local foster care homes as studies have shown that kids in out-of-home placements are returned home sooner if they can remain in the same school. Van Hoof also reported that the State came out with a way to work on reunification through a trial reunification. This is still considered an out-of-home placement, but the agency is using for cases that have parents using drugs since they have a tendency to relapse which could drive our numbers up for re-entry into out-of-home care.

Van Hoof reported the CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) program through North Central Health Care provides the intensive case management to our clients and is helping our cases. As they are able to move more cases over to the CCS program, it moves kids and families cases out of the contracted intensive case management program services that we allocate funds for, which allows room to serve more families who do not have the mental health diagnosis or the AODA issues that are severe enough to meet the CCS qualifications.

Van Hoof reported that one Social Worker will be returning from FMLA on November 25.

Van Hoof reported that interviews on Friday were successful. The new Children and Family Services Social Worker will start December 2, 2013.

Review payment of bills.

The committee reviewed the bills.

Review and approve the 2013 Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the 2013 budget summary report.

Review Alternative Care Report

The committee reviewed the Alternative Care report.

Review the Monthly Report for Compensatory Time

The committee reviewed the monthly report for compensatory time.

Review the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the training report submitted this month. Motion by Matucheski to approve the 2013 budget summary report, the Alternative Care report, the monthly report of compensatory time and the training report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof asked the committee to contact her with any questions and

Adjourn.

The next meeting is set for December 9, 2013. Motion by McKinney-Rice to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant