

## **Minutes of Langlade County Social Service Committee Meeting**

### **Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order at the Health Service Center in the board room at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 2012 by Richard Hurlbert.

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

Member absent: Bob Benishek. Motion by Matucheski to excuse Benishek. Motion second by Hurlbert. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. Robin Stowe attended part of meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of agenda**

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

### **Approve minutes from the previous meeting.**

Motion by Matucheski to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Communications and Public Comment.**

Matucheski reported she received a letter about the survey that was requested as part of the Human Services project with North Central Health Care. Responses that came back were quite negative about the services at North Central Health Care. Hurlbert reported he and Van Hoof were invited to a meeting on Tuesday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m., with Lincoln and Marathon Counties to discuss a Human Services for the three counties with Langlade County. Van Hoof invited the other committee members to this meeting. Van Hoof reported that when we look at a Human Services for three or more counties, we will have to discuss Economic Support Services and Juvenile Justice Services as they are also under the State Statute 46 for Social Services with Child Welfare.

### **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 committee reviewed the budget summary report, the juvenile alternate care summary and budget report, the compensatory time report and training report. Motion by Matucheski to authorize payment of the bills and approve the Budget Summary report, the Alternate Care Budget Summary, compensatory time and training reports. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

**Approval to purchase a laptop.**

Van Hoof reported the Children and Family Services Unit received an Alternative Response Grant this year and there is estimated to be \$4,000 left. There is a need for Social Workers to use a laptop when out of the office. Van Hoof reported that IS received a quote for \$2,068.87 for a laptop, so the agency may be able to purchase two laptops with remaining grant funds. Motion by Matucheski for the approval to purchase up to two laptops for the Children and Family Services Unit with funding coming from the Alternative Response Grant. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

**Updates on Intensive In-Home Services.**

Van Hoof reported the in-home team continues to meet with the 8 families assigned to them. Van Hoof reported their focus will be to work with ones working towards reunification before the end of the contract. If the in-home team leaves earlier, the contract with Lutheran Social Services will be amended.

**Discussion on 2013 Client Services.**

Van Hoof reported that Toni Simonson from North Central Health Care (NCHC) is working on a proposal for NCHC to provide CCS services to Social Services for 2013. Van Hoof reported NCHC needs to get certification from the State and NCHC needs to get providers and staff hired. Van Hoof reported the county really needs to get services available by January 1st on the front end to avoid huge placement costs. Robin Stowe reported without funding for intensive in-home services in the budget we needed to do something for services in 2013. NCHC agreed to provide services in 2013 with no cost to Social Services or the county for 2013. Stowe reported that services provided by NCHC in 2013 will not be able to serve all the families that Social Services works with. Stowe suggested that if this committee wants to provide Intensive In-Home Services for 2013, and they cannot find the money in the budget, they need to take a recommendation back to reallocate funds for programs that could be eliminated based on Langlade County's Program Ranking from 2005. Van Hoof reported she will still have to find someone to provide services in the community. The committee asked Van Hoof to bring options back to next month's meeting.

**Tour the agency.**

The committee toured the agency.

**Set Committee meeting dates for 2013.**

Hurlbert suggested continuing to meet on the second Monday of each month in 2013. The committee agreed to those dates and the room will be booked.

**WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program) Updates.**

Rolo reported that 676 applications have been processed as of November 12, 2012. Total households that received a benefit are at 651 and the amount of benefits paid was \$286,858. The next available appointment slot is on February 14, 2013.

**Director's Report.**

Van Hoof the WCHSA conference will be held December 6 and 7. The deadline to register is approaching, so any committee member that wants to attend needs to let her know soon. Van Hoof reported that there are available slots for county board members interested in serving on the WCHSA board for members at-large. Van Hoof reported that WCHSA is continuing to assist us on the IM contract with the State Department of Health Services and to have realistic benchmarks in this contract, and the same company is helping for the Children and Family Service proposals and additional money to cover those proposals. McKinney-Rice asked if she could attend for one of the days. Van Hoof will check on and let her know.

Van Hoof reported the new secretary for the Department of Children and Family Services, Robert Williams, was at training in Mole Lake and he stopped in to see how the feasibility study and proposal were going. He reported it will take about 90 days to get any proposal through his State office.

**Adjourn.**

The next meeting is set for December 10, 2012 at 1:30 pm. Motion by Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Motion second by Matucheski. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant