

## **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 Wednesday, November 9, 2011 by Richard Hurlbert

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Dale Dahms, Pat McKinney-Rice, and Robert Benishek.

Member absent: Judy Karpf.

Others present: Tom Madsen, Kim Van Hoof, Sara Thompson, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. Kala Thompson and Carrie Miller attended part of meeting.

### **Approval of agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.**

Motion by Benishek to approve the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by Dahms. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

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

None.

### **Review and authorize payment of bills and review the Budget Summary Reports, 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 alternative care summary report, the compensatory time report and revised training report. Motion by Dahms to authorize payment of the bills and approve the Budget Summary reports, Alternative Care summary, compensatory time and the revised training report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Approve transfer from Alternative Care Risk Reserve for 2011 budget overage in substitute care.**

Nagel reported the Alternative Care budget will be over budget this year and Social Services is requesting approval to transfer up to \$170,000 from the Risk Reserve account to cover this overage. Motion by Dahms to approve to approve the transfer of up to \$170,000 from the Alternative Care Risk Reserve account to offset the Alternative Care budget. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Six month review of Lutheran Social Services Family Advocacy Program.**

Van Hoof reported the In-Home team has been with the agency since June and has served with 12 families. This includes 19 adults and 25 children. The agency feels that 15 kids would be in an alternative care placement if they were not working with the in-home team. The in-home team can meet with these families several times a week. Carrie reported many of the clients see them as support people, and someone they can talk to. Carrie reported they have a different relationship with these clients than a social worker or Juvenile Court worker would have with them since they are not someone who can not remove their kids from them. Van Hoof reported that many clients who are not working with Carrie and Kala, but need to seek out counseling services have a 6 to 8 week wait time to get in to the Health Care Center, and once

they do get in for services, they are not seen weekly, but every other week or monthly. Motion by Benishek to accept this report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Approval of the In-Home Safety Services Grant Funding.**

Van Hoof requested approval to apply for grant funding from the In-Home Safety Services Grant. Grant funding could be used to serve an immediate need for a family to prevent an out-of-home placement. The State will be offering this grant to regions, so we plan to group with Oneida and Lincoln counties. This is a two year grant and we will need to serve 50 families the first year and 150 families served by the end of the second year. These numbers are for our region. Van Hoof reported she offered that Langlade County takes the lead for the region. Van Hoof reported she is writing the grant in cooperation with those other counties and also with people from Children's Service Society, who will be supplying the case management piece required to receive this grant. Children's Service Society can help out with offering the 24/7 assistance needed to assist the safety services worker. This grant does not require any match by the counties. Motion by Benishek to approve applying for and accepting the grant for In-Home Safety Services. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

### **Income Maintenance Consortium updates.**

Madsen reported that Langlade County will be joining a four county consortium, and will be called IM (Income Maintenance) Central. This consortium has been approved by the State. They are currently working on contracts, and there will be a meeting on December 1 with Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association and their attorneys who will meet with the counties Finance, Corp Counsel and IM people to discuss those contracts between the Dept. of Health Services and the consortiums.

### **View Children and Family Services video – Realistic Job View.**

The committee viewed the video.

### **Director's Report.**

Madsen reported he plans to post the lead worker position with the notice that filling this position is contingent upon County Board approval.

### **Set date and time for next meeting.**

The committee scheduled the next meeting date for Friday, December 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will be held at the Health Service Center in the board room.

### **Adjourn.**

Motion by Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Motion second by Dahms. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant