

LANGLADE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 10, 2016

10:00 a.m. – Boys & Girls Club

MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Hurlbert, Vern Cahak, Holly Matucheski, Joe Novak and Robert Benishek

ALSO PRESENT: Tracy Chernetski, Patsy Rolo, Sheila Rine, Ron Barger, Angel Zimmerman and Dave Corcoran

1. H. Matucheski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance as listed above. Introductions made. Welcome Joe.
4. Approve agenda – Motion by V. Cahak, seconded by R. Hurlbert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Minutes of the September 12th, 2016 board meeting were approved with motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by V. Cahak. Motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas - None.
7. Reviewed the Budget Summary Report and bills paid.
8. The next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Health Service Center Board Room.
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Updates from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – P. Rolo passed around informational sheet on the Economic Support Unit. Explained what the Economic Support does and explained that Langlade County is in a 4 county consortium with Portage, Marathon and Oneida Counties. Total caseload for all 4 counties is 27,640 with a caseload for Langlade County of 2,737. Patsy has 6 Economic Support Specialists. A handout explaining the Energy Program was also passed around and discussed. Last season, there were 1418 Langlade County households that applied for energy assistance and 46 heating calls were resolved. Tara Hoffman and Sheila Rine are the two Energy Assistance Specialists. As of 10/7/2016, 343 energy applications have been processed and the season just started October 1st.
 - b. Updates from Children and Family Services – T. Chernetski handed out a summary of case reports. 51 new access reports with 14 screened in for services. 58 kids in out of home care being managed by 2 full-time ongoing staff and Tracy. Tracy explained what these workers have to do. The workers are seeing an increase in unsafe/unsanitary living conditions and are collaborating more with the Health Department on cases.

- c. Updates from Juvenile Court – Ron passed around a copy of Craig’s report. The DSS members would like to each receive a copy, so Sheila will send them one in the mail.
- d. Legislative Update – Ron mentioned he would like to invite Regional CFS staff to attend a DSS meeting so they can come and introduce themselves and explain what they do.

10. Personnel Update

- a. 2 Social Worker positions have been filled. Kristi Auner and Ann Albrecht started last week. Ann has a Masters degree in Social Worker and Kristi will be finishing up her last 2 classes.
- b. Economic Support – Crystal Baker was hired and started on Sept. 26th.
- c. Proposal to move oversight of clerical staff to Office Manager – Ron explained that with the restructuring of the Health and Social Services, the 3 clerical shared positions currently report to him. He would like to move the oversight of clerical to the Office Manager. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by J. Novak to move the oversight of the clerical staff to the Office Manager and forward to Personnel Committee and RJ. Motion carried.

11. Old Business:

- a. Service group requests – update. Ron explained that the process of services groups such as Boys & Girls Club and Family Corner Resource Center, requesting funding through Social Services and how this was moved to the Finance Committee. The service groups will continue to put in their request through Social Services but then Ron will forward to the Finance Committee after review. The Boys & Girls Club received \$10,000, Family Corner Resource Center \$10,000 and AVAIL \$15,000 and will be sustainable for 3 years.
- b. Painting of Juvenile Justice office spaces – Ron explained that Craig had wanted to have their offices painted in a more inviting color due to seeing a lot of children in their offices. After discussion, the Public Property Committee decided to forward this to Robin to have the policy updated and bring back to Property committee for approval.

12. New Business:

- a. Conference/Workshop attendance – Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to allow any Social Services member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.

13. Referrals/Recommendations for November – Marie Foss of FSET (Food Share Employment Training) will attend to give an update. Ron will also give a 14 month transitional update on the reorganization of Health and Social Services.

14. Motion by J. Novak, seconded by V. Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

15. A tour of the Boys & Girls Club was conducted after the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine