

Minutes of Lenglade 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, October 12, 2015 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Vern Cahak, and Bob Benishek. Richard Burby arrived at 2:37 pm

Member excused: Holly Matucheski

Others present: Ron Barger, Patsy Rolo, Scott Jensema, Dave Solin, Carlene Nagel, Rylee Bricko, Tiffany Pavek, and Liane Blahnik. Robin Stowe attended part of meeting.

Approve agenda.

Motion by Benishek to approve the agenda. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from previous meetings

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion second by Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

None.

Review and approve the Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the Budget Summary Report. Nagel reported the revenues are a few months behind, which is normal.

Review payment of bills.

The committee reviewed bills paid in August. Motion by Benishek that bills be approved. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.

The committee reviewed the monthly report for compensatory time. Motion by Benishek to approve the compensatory time reports. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and approve the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the training report. Motion by Benishek to approve the training report. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduce new Social Workers: Rylee Bricko and Tiffany Pavek.

Jensema introduced two new social workers. Rylee comes straight out of school at UW Stevens Point and will be doing on-going case management. Tiffany accepted the part-time position and will be working 21 hours a week. Both have cases already assigned to them. The committee welcomed the new workers.

Legislative Updates.

Barger reported there are some new Child Welfare legislations coming through. Senate Bill 280, also known as Assembly Bill 378, is the bill which could bring 17 year olds back into the juvenile justice system. Hotchkiss is concerned as this bill could impact placements and service costs. Barger stated this bill would look at providing more services before the child turns 18 years old which impacts county finances, and could add to Juvenile Court caseloads. The benefits to the child are that charges occurred would not show up on their permanent record.

Update from Children and Family Services.

Jensema reported the transition with the new workers has been going well. Scott reported he met with a person from the state and the Children and Family Services Unit is working on the backlog that had been built up due to people leaving. Jensema reported during the month of September, the MSW had 8 billable hours at \$138 per hour. Jensema stated this number will increase as the new workers get trained and cases get transferred over to them.

Update from Juvenile Court.

Hotchkiss reported his case level has been constant, and Angie Fischer, the Masters Social Worker is providing CCS services to one of his clients. Hotchkiss gave an update on his caseload.

Review the Alternative Care Report

Nagel reported the CHIPS (Child in need of protective services) sub-care is under budget, but Youth Aids placements and Juvenile Housing are projected to be over budget. Nagel reported these three budget lines will continue to be watched, and any under budget amounts will be used to offset Youth Aids as this is projected to be over budget \$100,000. Nagel plans to apply for Youth Aids emergency funds to help offset this overage. The remaining overage could come from the Alternative Care Risk Reserve fund.

Director's Report

Barger reported on the transition as Director of Health and Social Services. Barger reported October is a busy time in Public Health with school back in season and Flu shot clinics. Barger is in the process of hiring the part-time nurse, and once this person is hired it will relieve Barger of some of his nursing duties.

Barger reported he has received some negative comments towards the Department of Social Services. Barger feels many comments come with the job and he has been looking at a theme from the comments. Barger plans to network with the public and provide education in the community.

Barger reported evaluations are due the end of this year, but he is asking is the Social Services Committee could waive providing one for him this year since he just took on the Director's duties. Motion by Benishek to waive the Director's evaluation this year. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stowe reported the "Health Officer" issue is still out there with the Department of Health. Barger reported this will be in limbo until he hears back from the State, but we have an alternate plan, as Karen Hegrans could be named "Health Officer", as her position is totally funded through the Health Department.

Date for next month's meeting.

The next monthly committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, at 10:30 am in the Health Service Center board room.

Motion by Cahak to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Submitted by,
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