

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 10:30 am on Monday, October 13, 2014 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Holly Matucheski, Vern Cahak, Bob Benishek and Richard Burby.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Craig Hotchkiss, and Liane Blahnik. Scott Jensema attended part of meeting.

Approval of agenda.

Motion by Cahak to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

None.

Approve office space for FSET (Food Stamp Employment Training) Program for 2015.

Van Hoff reported Wood County was awarded the FSET (Food Stamp Employment Training) Program starting on January 1, 2015 for our county. They will be partnering with CW Solutions to share the staffing structure to ensure there are staff onsite in every county. Program money will be given to Wood County who will be hiring case managers to provide this in our region. This person will receive referrals from the Economic Support Workers in our office. It would be beneficial to lease them office space in our building. The office space leased will also need to have a phone, access to a copy and fax machine. Van Hoof will outline this in the proposal that will be sent to Public Property. Motion by Benishek to approve leasing of office space for the FSET Program through Wood County and to forward request to Public Property Committee. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program.

Blahnik reported the agency sent out about 600 early applications to applicants who applied last year and who are living on a fixed income. The energy specialists starting seeing appointments on October 1, and the next available appointment is mid-January. The new energy system still has some program issues, but was opened up to start entering those early applications around September 17.

Discuss and approve LTE (Limited Term Employee) for Children and Family Services Section.

Van Hoof requested to continue the Foster Care Coordinator limited term employee position with Tammy Schreiber in 2015. Van Hoof reported the contract with North Central Health Care ended as clients are receiving services under direct eligibility; the county is no longer paying for this service, so funds are available to cover this position. The Masters Social Worker, Angie Fischer, is on board to provide case management services and North Central Health Care's Comprehensive Community Services are meeting service needs, but on-going case loads continue to rise. Motion by Burby to approve LTE (Limited Term Employee) position through December 31, 2015 and to forward request to Personnel and Finance Committees. Motion second by Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss 2014 Budget

A. Children and Family Services Units

Van Hoof reported the Children and Family Services Unit continues to have high cost placements, and continues to work with families on permanency plans through termination of parental rights or guardianships. Van Hoof reported the agency has several cases on track to go through the subsidized guardianship program, where the agency will continue to pay the foster parents a monthly rate until either the guardianship is dissolved or the child turns 18 years old. This is a fairly new State requirement that came out and payment rate is set in CANS by the Social Worker.

B. Juvenile Court

Craig Hotchkiss reported that after almost 18 years, this past year he has had some of the most difficult cases. Currently two of his three placements are in residential facilities, and the third one is the first time he has had a placement in a county foster care home. Craig reported that the daily costs for secure detention is \$150 a day as the juvenile attends school at the facility, but does not receive any treatment there like they would in a residential treatment facility. Craig reported every residential facility is the state currently has a wait list, so children are kept in secure detention until the child can be placed in a treatment facility.

Review payment of bills.

The Committee reviewed the bills paid in September 2014.

Review and approve the 2014 Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the 2014 budget summary report. Motion by Matucheski to approve the budget summary report and place on file. Motion second by Burby. Discussion. Burby questioned the Risk Reserve account that is being used to cover Alternative Care Placement costs. Van Hoof reported that the Risk Reserve will probably run out at the end of 2014. With recent staffing changes the agency continues to work to reduce high cost placements for children, and in the future may need to budget appropriately or request funds from the general fund for mandated services. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review the Alternative Care Summary Report.

The Committee reviewed the Alternative Care Summary report. Motion by Benishek to approve the Alternative Care Summary report and place on file. Motion second by Burby. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Monthly Report for Compensatory Time.

The Committee reviewed the monthly report for compensatory time. Motion by Benishek to approve and place on file. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and approve the Training Report.

No training report was submitted to the Committee this month.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported many of the Social Workers are participating in community events. Van Hoof reported that Fischer, Klingensmith and Mattek-Nelson recently participated in the Boy's and Girl's Club Safe Night Out. They will also be involved in an upcoming spaghetti dinner. Van Hoof reported she participated in the Health Fair sponsored by Langlade Hospital, and Rolo is working with Langlade Hospital to provide information on the Affordable Care Act. Van Hoof reported the community outreach continues to provide a positive interaction between the agency and the community.

The next committee meeting will be held November 10, 2014 at 10:30 am.

Motion by Burby to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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