

Minutes of Langelo 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 September 10, 2012 by Richard Hurlbert.

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

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. Dave Solin and Craig Hotchkiss attended part of meeting.

Approval of agenda and minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Cahak to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof reported the first annual IM (Income Maintenance) Central Consortium meeting will be held in Marathon County at Social Services on September 26, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Van Hoof will forward an agenda for that meeting when they are finalized. McKinney-Rice recommended that a Per Diem be paid for any Social Services Committee member attending this meeting.

Consider transferring supervision and oversight of the County's juvenile intake program (Sec. 938.06(2), Wis. Stats.) to the Department of Social Services and the Social Services Committee.

Van Hoof and Hotchkiss reported there has been some discussion about transferring supervision and oversight of the County's juvenile intake program to the Social Services Department and the Social Services Committee. This would be an alternative plan to the formation of a human services agency with North Central Health Care, as there are several State agencies that would need to approve a "Human Services" merger. Van Hoof and Hotchkiss have been meeting with Corporation Counsel and completing the "LEAN" process on this alternative plan to find cost savings and look for any duplication of services. Van Hoof reported that North Central Health Care's focus has been on providing In-home services through their Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) which is a Medical Assistance billable service, but this cannot be used for children living in alternative care settings as they become eligible for IV-E funding when placed in alternative care. North Central Health Care currently contracts with Marathon County to provide CCS for Marathon County's Social Services Children and Family Services unit. Van Hoof reported that part of an alternative option plan could be that Social Services contracts with North Central Health Care to provide in-home services. Van Hoof reported the next feasibility study meeting is September 18 at 2:00 pm at the courthouse law library, and then a meeting has been set for October 2, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the courthouse law library.

In-Home team updates.

Van Hoof reported the in-home team is currently working with 10 families of which three are in the reunification process. Another case referral from Price County just came in to the agency and is on a wait list for the in-home team. Eight cases have closed after receiving services from the in-home team. Van Hoof reported we can see cost savings in black and white when kids are reunified back home, and she estimates savings of \$16,200 per month on the 13 children served by the in-home team who were recently returned home. At one point the in-home team worked with 19 families. The in-home team workers work 40 hours a week and they have offices located in the agency, but most of the time they work with the family and children outside of the agency. Van Hoof reported the agency also uses the Family Corner Resource Center for parenting classes. The agency also works with Children's Service Society on the Community Response Program on an informal basis for cases that do not meet the safety criteria for the agency to open a case with the family.

Approve extra time for IM (Income Maintenance) workers.

Van Hoof reported the Income Maintenance workers are in need of some extra hours to get caught up on their cases due to their added job duties. Rolo reported there is some money left in the Child Care budget from the Child Care grant to use on Child Care cases, and they could set those aside and work on those during the extra hours. Motion by Benishek to approve up to 40 hours per work for Income Maintenance workers until the end of the year. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve extra time for WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program) workers.

Rolo requested extra time for the WHEAP workers to process short-form applications through the end of October. This money would come from the WHEAP budget outreach account and can only be used for WHEAP activities. Motion by McKinney-Rice to approve up to 40 hours per week for WHEAP workers to process short applications. Motion second by Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Economic Support Programs.

Rolo reported there are currently 3,097 economic support cases in Langlade County. There are six Economic Support Specialists and Langlade County is required to have 1.5 workers on the Call Change Center for IM Central Consortium at all times. Each case worker has approximately 690 cases. The Economic Support section is responsible for determining eligibility for Child Care, FoodShare, Caretaker Supplement, Elderly, Blind and Disabled Medicaid, Badger Care Plus for families, Badger Care Core Plan for childless adults and Family Planning only services. Rolo reported that in July 2012, \$428,357 food share benefits were issued to Langlade County residents and 5,232 individuals in Langlade County were covered under some form of Medicaid or Badger Care.

Update on Children and Family Services Programs.

Van Hoof reported on Children and Family Services Programs and shared a report from the State's eWISACWIS computer system from the period of January 1 to July 31, 2012. The report showed the agency received 269 Child Protective Services (CPS) reports. Van Hoof will let the committee know when the debriefing meeting date with the State has been set from their on-site review of August 1. At that meeting, the State will share their de-briefing report, discuss next steps for the agency, and suggest any training for agency workers. Motion by Benishek that report be accepted. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 Benishek 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 Matucheski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported she has been working diligently to gather information to assist North Central Health Care on the feasibility study and will continue to work with Craig Hotchkiss and Robin Stowe on the LEAN process to see if money could be saved using an alternative plan.

Motion by Benishek to approve the director's report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn.

Motion by Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion second by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant