

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 Veterans Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 by Richard Hurlbert

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

Others present: Tom Madsen, Kim Van Hoof, Patsy Rolo, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik.

Approval of agenda

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

Approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion by Dahms to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. 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 Karpf 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 Benishek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update Director's Job Description.

Madsen reported the only update to the Director's job description is under the Qualifications: Education and Experience: Master Degree Preferred or Bachelor's Degree Required. This previously stated Master Degree Required. Madsen suggested this change since this could eliminate qualified people, who have experience, for this position. This is a change being made throughout several counties in the State of Wisconsin. Motion by Benishek to approve the update to the Director's Job Description. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Energy Assistance Program for 2011-2012 season.

Rolo reported the advertisements are out in the Shopper's Guide and Antigo Daily Journal this week. Rolo reported Lil Tower will return until the end of this year to

process Energy Applications, since October 1st, through December 31 is the busiest time of the heating season for the Energy Program.

Children and Family Services Unit to begin Alternative Response on January 1, 2012.

Van Hoof reported Alternative Response is used at initial assessment phase of a case. Van Hoof reported that Alternative Response is a way to respond to CPS cases that requires skilled workers who can engage the family while maintaining the safety of children in the home. It is a way to focus on developing community and family resources in order to create sustaining change. This change takes away from substantiation; so there will not be a substantiation finding. Alternative response would bring out and enhance the expertise and strengths of the family to create the family's ability to keep their child safe.

Approval to Pay Per Diem for Social Work Interviews.

Madsen reported there was a full days of interviews for the vacant position on September 6. Madsen reported the vacant social work position has been filled. Start date of the new employee will be October 3, 2011. Motion by Benishek to approve the payment of the per diem for the social work interviews. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Madsen reported that Rolo, Nagel, Olsen and he working on the Income Maintenance Consortium. The consortium that Langlade County will be joining will include Portage, Marathon, Langlade and Oneida Counties. They will be connected through a call/change center. People, who live in any of the consortium counties, can apply in any other county of that consortium. The ESC (Enrollment Services Center) cases will start coming back to counties in November.

Madsen reported his retirement date will be January 6, 2012.

Set date and time for next meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting date for October 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Health Service Center in the Veterans Conference Room.

Adjourn.

Motion by Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Motion second by Dahms. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant