

Minutes of Langlade 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, September 8, 2014 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Member absent: Holly Matucheski.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Carlene Nagel, Scott Jensema, Patsy Rolo, and Liane Blahnik. Stephanie Bowman attended part of the meeting.

Approval of agenda.

Motion by Cahak to approve the agenda as mailed. Motion second by Burby. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion by Cahak to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion second by Burby. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

Van Hoof introduced Stephanie Bowman to the committee. Stephanie is a Master Level Intern from UWGB. Jensema reported Stephanie will job shadow Angie Fischer, the Master Level Social Worker in the agency, and will be here through May 2015. The committee welcomed Stephanie.

Approve agency credit card for new Social Worker, Angela Fischer.

Van Hoof requested an agency credit card with a \$250 limit for new social worker, Angela Fischer. Motion by Benishek to approve an agency credit card with a \$250 limit for Angela Fischer. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approval for Energy Assistance workers to work up to 40 hours a week during the energy season.

Rolo requested approval for Energy Assistance workers to work up to 40 hours a week on an as-needed basis. Rolo reported that 580 short application forms were mailed out to a targeted population, and when returned, they need to be entered into a new system which has a target startup date for September 17. Calls for appointments will start coming into the agency on September 23, and workers will start seeing appointments on October 1. Rolo reported this time will come from the Energy Assistance program funds. Motion by Burby to allow Energy Assistance workers to work up to 40 hours a week, as needed during the energy season. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review payment of bills.

The Committee reviewed the bills paid in August 2014.

Review and approve the 2014 Budget Summary Report.

The committee reviewed the 2014 budget summary report. Motion by Benishek to approve the budget summary report and place on file. Motion second by Burby. Four ayes; one absent. 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. Four ayes; one absent. 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. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review and approve the Training Report.

No training report was submitted to the Committee this month.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof reported the agency received an email last Friday reporting that the FSET (Food Share Employment and Training) contract for our region will be moved from Forward Services to Wood County starting January 1, 2015. Van Hoof reported that she will be looking forward to more information coming in the next few months. This is an opportunity for us to help our clients become more self-sufficient and could mean a request for office space in our county building from Wood County, since referrals to this program will come from Economic Support workers.

Van Hoof reported she spoke to the Legislative Council on Disruptive Adoptions in Madison on August 26, 2014. The county has spent a tremendous amount on disruptive adoptions over the past 10 to 15 years. Van Hoof will continue to follow this study and changes in legislature.

Van Hoof reported that Sharon Van Buskirk's last day in the Experience Works program will be December 5, 2014. Van Hoof and Rolo continue to work with the Experience Works program to see if other candidates in the program can come to our agency, and both are concerned as the agency has one clerical person and the agency cannot close the office during business hours.

Van Hoof reported she is working on the Brighter Initiatives Grant, and there may be a chance that we may ask for more funding. The current plan is to ask for \$150,000, but with the complexity of the program we need the grant for, we may need to ask for more. The maximum amount we can ask for is \$250,000.

Van Hoof reported the agency received notification of CPS related grants for 2015. Post Reunification funds are State and Federal funding that support kids going home.

Van Hoof asked about scheduling meetings for 2015 in order to book the board room. The next committee meeting will be held October 13 at 10:30 am. The committee plans to continue meetings the second Monday of each month at 10:30 am.

Motion by Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Motion second by Burby. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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