

Minutes of Langlade County Social Service Committee Meeting

Call the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at the Health Service Center in the board room at 10:30 am on Monday, September 9, 2013 by Richard Hurlbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Richard Hurlbert, Pat McKinney-Rice, Bob Benishek, and Vern Cahak.

Holly Matucheski was absent.

Others present: Kim Van Hoof, Carlene Nagel, Patsy Rolo, and Liane Blahnik. Drew Kelly attended part of meeting.

Approval of the agenda.

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

Approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by McKinney-Rice to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed. Motion second by Benishek. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Communications and Public Comment.

None.

Approval to purchase a Smart Board for IM (Income Maintenance) Trainings.

Rolo requested approval to purchase a Smart Board with funds from the Affordable Care Act to use for Income Maintenance trainings. The quote for the Smart Board was \$8,726 from Camera Corner in Green Bay. Motion by Benishek to approve the purchase of a Smart Board. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve up to 40 hours per week for Energy Specialist through end of October.

Rolo requested extra time up to 40 hours per week for Energy Specialists to process the short-form applications for the new heat season. Rolo reported approximately 600 short form applications were mailed out and need to be processed by October 31, 2013. Motion by Benishek to approve extra time for Energy Specialists up to 40 hours per week through October 31, 2013. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Approve up to 45 hours per week for Economic Support Specialists through December 31, 2013.

Rolo reported the Affordable Care Act will start on October 1, 2013 where the Market Place will need to start taking application. The Income Maintenance Consortium is

expecting our agency will receive over 2, 000 applications and the workers will have 30 days to complete those applications. Funding for the extra time will come from the Affordable Care Act funding. Rolo would like the Income Maintenance workers to work up to 45 hours per week from October 1 to December 31, 2013. Motion by McKinney-Rice to approve the Income Maintenance workers to work up to 45 hours per week from October 1, to December 31, 2013. Motion second by Cahak. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Updates on multi-county human services feasibility study

Van Hoof reported the next meeting will be held on September 19 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at North Central Health Care Center in Wausau. The facilitators will be presenting the findings from the focus group meetings held on September 5. Van Hoof reported that those who could not make the September 5 Focus Group meeting, can attend the make-up meeting which will be held September 19 at 10:30 am in Wausau. Benishek would like some answers about how much money it would save and if people would be served better with that cost savings.

Approve Per Diem for CFS Unit Coordinator Interviews.

Van Hoof would like to have two committee members attend the interviews for the Children and Family Services Unit Coordinator position. Motion by Benishek to approve the Per Diem for these interviews. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Post Reunification Grant.

Van Hoof reported the Post Reunification Grant is through the Department of Children and Family Services and is slot funding for foster care children moving from foster care back home. This funding could be used for in-home counseling and case management at a higher level than what is currently being provided. Van Hoof would like to apply for ten slots initially, which would be \$1,100 per month per child to ensure that child can remain safely at home with parents. Motion by McKinney-Rice to apply for ten slots for the Post Reunification Grant. Motion second by Cahak. Discussion: Van Hoof reported that the county would need to reinvest at a three-to-one ratio for the second year. With this funding the agency can partner with another agency to provide intensive in-home services. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Review bills.

The committee reviewed the bills.

Review and approve the 2013 Budget Summary Report, the Alternative Care Report, the Monthly Report for Compensatory Time and the Training Report.

The committee reviewed the 2013 budget summary report, the Alternative Care report, the compensatory time report and the training report. Motion by Benishek to approve the 2013 Budget Summary report, the Alternative Care report, the compensatory time report and the training report. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Director's Report.

Van Hoof requested a special session meeting to discuss a Limited Term Employee position for the Children and Family Services Unit since currently one Social Worker is on Family Medical Leave and another person is requesting Family Medical Leave. A special session meeting was set for September 23, 2013 at 10:30 am.

Adjourn.

The next meeting is set for October 14, 2013 at 10:30 am. Motion by Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion second by McKinney-Rice. Four ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik, Administrative Assistant