LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday May 4th, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Lincoln County Service Center – Room 255

MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Gilk, Patsy Woller, Corey Nowak, Greta Rusch, Pat Voermans
Members Absent:
Visitors: Renee Krueger, Janelle Hintz

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Krueger at 6:00 pm
2. **Approve Minutes of April Meeting** – Motion by Rusch, second by Voermans to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Election of officers** – Krueger asked for any nominations for the Chair.
    a. Chair– Motion by Nowak, second by Voermans nominating Gilk as the Chair. Gilk inquired to other interest, none expressed. Gilk accepted nomination. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting turned over to Gilk.
    b. Vice-Chair – Gilk asked for nominations. Motion made by Rusch, second by Voermans for Nowak. All ayes. Motion carried.
    c. Secretary – Gilk asked whether having a Secretary was necessary given the Director develops the agenda and records the minutes. Discussion held. Secretary role determined as necessary for other duties as needed. Motion by Voermans, second by Woller for Rusch. All ayes. Motioned carried.
4. **Financial Report** – Discussion regarding wrapping up 2015 budget, review of 2016 budget and development of 2017 all currently in processes. Director gave brief overview of funding but explained that next month the 2017 budget will be presented at which time more specific information can be discussed. 2016 budget placed on file.
    a. Budget Modification – Reviewed 2015 budget modification for all three units; Child Support, Lincoln Industries and Social Services. Explained the significant changes. Motion made by Nowak, second by Woller to approve all three budgets and forward to the Finance Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Director's Report** – Discussion around Social Services Mission, Roles and Responsibilities. – The director provided an extensive overview of the structure, responsibilities, and governing bodies of Lincoln Industries, Child Support, Northern Income Maintenance Consortium and Child Welfare Unit. Discussion was held regarding changes over the last year in each unit and the impact on functioning as well as moral.
6. **Lincoln County Child Support Agency for 2015 Certificate of Excellence Award**. – The Child Support Unit received the 2015 Certificate of Excellence Award which is a significant acknowledgement to the success of the unit and their hard work. Motion was made by Voermans, second by Nowak, to present to the County Board at the next meeting as well as add to the County website. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Update regarding Trauma Informed Practices Conference** – May 18th Conference reviewed for the new members. Planning appears to be well managed. Currently there

are over 100 persons registered. Request made for committee members to be able to attend for periods of time without attending the full session, director saw no concerns with that.

8. **Discussion regarding sub-care (out-of-home care)** – Director recommended that this be tabled until the following meeting to tie in with the 2017 budget presentation. No objections.
9. **Facility review for Lincoln Industries** – Director explained that the Maintenance Department Head, Pat Gierl, has agreed to do this.
10. **Discussion regarding Poverty Forum** – Director provided feedback from the attendance of the Poverty Action Day held in Tomahawk April 8th. This item will continue to be placed on the agenda such to review any current/new information and for future strategic planning around this topic.
11. **Future Agenda Items** – Discussion of Lincoln County 2016 Budget Report as a format of discussion of Social Services organization, mission statement and budget development; discussion of locations that the Committee should schedule visits to, request Northern Achievement Center to attend/present, discussion of out-of-home barriers and what action the Committee can take to advocate appropriate services from Department of Children and Families and/or Department of Health Services
12. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** Thursday June 2nd at 6pm
13. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Voermans, second by Nowak. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:35pm.

Minutes prepared by Renee Krueger.