

# LINCOLN COUNTY 51.437 SERVICES LINCOLN INDUSTRIES

To: The Honorable Lincoln County Board of Supervisors  
Mr. Robert Lussow, Chairman

## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

On behalf of the Lincoln County 51.437 Services Board, we are pleased to submit the following report for the calendar year 2009.

### MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### -- Administration Contract - Department of Social Services --

This working agreement continues to be beneficial for all parties involved. The transition to a new service provider in the next year will end this relationship.

#### -- Agency Collaboration --

Although collaboration has never been higher than it is at this point in time, more work needs to be done. Redesign of agencies, budgets and personnel will need to take place in the upcoming months as we prepare for the systemic change Family Care requires.

#### -- Family Care --

Administrative efforts to ensure smooth transition for both the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) continue. These activities will increase as April 1, 2011 nears.

### MAJOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

#### -- Children's Waiver Program --

The Children's Waiver Program in Lincoln County provides waiver funding to caregivers who have children with special needs. This funding is used to assist families and give them the financial support and services needed to care for a child in their own home.

There is also an In Home Intensive Autism program that serves children with autism, under the waiver. There is currently a nine month waiting list for this waiver.

At the time of this report, twenty-four children's waiver plans have been written and approved by the Department of Health Services. There are two children receiving the intensive In Home Program services, with two children on the waiting list.

An Autism insurance mandate was signed into law by Governor Doyle as part of the 2009-11 State Budget. Most private insurance companies are required to cover a minimum of \$50,000/year for intensive services and \$25,000/year for ongoing services. Currently, counties are working with families and providers to determine how services will be funded. The most important focus of this process is not to have a gap in the child's services. This change will reduce the wait for intensive services.

Children with a diagnosis of a physical, mental or developmental disability may be eligible for waiver services.

A committee has been formed by parents and community partners to address the needs of respite in Lincoln County. This committee is called The Lincoln County Respite Committee and has begun to service families through donations and grant money.

**-- Client and Revenue Growth - Waiver Program --**

During 2009, one-hundred fourteen (114) individuals received services through Lincoln County's waiver program.

The Waiver Programs provide funding for services which support people in the community. A broad array of services is covered by this program so that most service and support needs can be addressed in the community.

**-- Brain Injury Waiver --**

The Brain Injury Waiver Program is at a high proportion, for our small population, compared to other counties in Wisconsin. We provided services to eight (8) individuals, through the Brain Injury Waiver Program, during 2009.

**-- Birth-to-Three Program --**

Birth-to-Three is Wisconsin's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. This is a "family centered" program that recognizes the importance of parents, family and providers involved in a young child's life. The early intervention team provides ideas and techniques to help a family enhance their child's development and learning potential.

In 2009, Lincoln County's Birth-to-Three Program provided services to 52 children with developmental delays. Birth-To-Three is a federally mandated program. However, funding does not cover the cost of our contracted providers. We continue to look for ways to cut program's expenses without affecting service delivery.

**-- Personal Care Program --**

Personal care services are related to assisting a consumer with activities of daily living necessary to maintain the consumer in his or her place of residence in the community. The personal care worker shall be assigned by the supervising registered nurse to specific tasks for which the personal care worker has been trained. This program operates seven day per week.

Currently, we have 17 personal care workers going out into the community. Our Way, Inc. staff that work at the five (5) Community Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) are also trained as personal care workers. At this time, we are providing cares to 31 consumers either in their home or in a CBRF home. There are approximately 1,725 hours of cares each month.

## **MAJOR VOCATIONAL SERVICES (Lincoln Industries)**

The project between Lincoln Industries and AmericInn, in Merrill, continued thru May 2009. Through many hours of close work between the staff of Lincoln Industries and AmericInn, a successful housekeeping contract was developed in 2002. In 2009, this contract provided 738.75 hours of work for our workers, which equates to \$4,638.96 in working payroll.

The T.B. Scott Library project, which was started in 2002, had a successful year. Our workers provide janitorial services, at the library, five days a week. We have four workers trained and currently have two individuals working the job on a regular basis. This contract provided 359 hours of work for our workers, which equates to \$2,446.96 in working payroll.

The janitorial contract with Semco has completed another successful year. This contract provided 1,202.25 hours of work for our workers, which equates to \$5,399.76 in working payroll.

Lincoln Industries started a partnership with Weinbrenner Shoe Company, in the execution of a State Use contract, to provide work boots and shoes for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The project got off to a good start in 2005. This contract provided 3,274.26 hours of work for our workers, which equates to \$12,722.30 in working payroll.

A cleaning crew for CESA #9, in Tomahawk, was started in May of 2003. In 2009, this contract provided 613.75 hours of work, equating to \$4,215.61 in working payroll.

A crew, of 8 to 12 workers, goes to Northern Wire on a daily basis, working on parts to be plated. This work site has provided 6,589.5 hours of work, which equates to \$31,083.36 in working payroll.

Businesses such as Hurd Millwork, Mitchell Metal Products, Lincoln Wood, Harley Davidson, Merrill Manufacturing, Weinbrenner Shoe Company, Church Mutual, CESA 9 and Northern Wire, to name a few, along with the City of Merrill, the City of Tomahawk, and Lincoln County, provide Lincoln Industries with a variety of work - sub-contract, service work. They continue to provide many opportunities for our workforce. Because of these opportunities, total wages paid to workers in 2009 was \$135,012.18 - a total of 70,268.75 work hours.

In closing, Lincoln County 51.437 Services Board staff would like to acknowledge and thank individual county departments for their continued assistance and cooperation.

The individuals serving on the 51.437 Services Board also need to be recognized and thanked. Their commitment and top priority is to improve the lives of the developmentally disabled in our communities. They are there when needed, volunteer their time, and genuinely care.

Our entire organization would also like to acknowledge the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for their continued support. As always, it has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Also needing recognition is the dedication and efforts of our staff. They are devoted, enthusiastic employees, and their efforts, on behalf of our consumers, are visibly evident every day. They continue to do an excellent job.

Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

LINCOLN COUNTY 51.437 SERVICES

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