

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, May 17, 2007
Health & Human Services Building

Members Present: Loka, Weaver, Krueger, Kahle, Zeitz

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Charles George, Stephen Rasmussen

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Loka.

2. Next regular meetings will be on June 21 and July 19, 2007 immediately following Veterans Services Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

3. Minutes of March 15, 2007 were approved as printed by M/S Krueger/Weaver all voting aye.

4. Charles George – Mr. George, a long term county employee with the Developmental Disability Program, is working with Social Services on purchase-of-service contracts dealing, in part, with nine CBRF shelter homes. He explained his role and the goal of improving services while providing services at a similar cost. He has also been working with diversion slots to enable county residents to remain in their home rather than move to a nursing home. Mr. George also gave an overview of his responsibilities and work tasks. The committee thanked him for his report and encouraged him to continue to report on an as-needed basis to the Social Services Committee.

5. Purchase Policy – Director Schmidt provided the committee with the final draft of the Purchasing Policy and reviewed it with the Committee – M/S Loka/Zeitz to approve the policy for use within the Social Services Department – all voting aye.

6. Replies on Interdepartmental Survey – Director Schmidt circulated some of the surveys that had been received from other Lincoln County departments and agencies that work with the Social Service Department. The goal is to improve services and receive meaningful feedback.

7. Director's Report

A. Long Term Support (LTS) – Supervisor Update – The County Administrative Coordinator is handling the hiring process, has advertised the position and received applications.

B. Child Protective Services (CPS) –

1. eWiSACWIS Contract – This is a state-wide system for accessing client information. The limitations and use of system were explained to the committee.

2. Electronic Monitors (four in use) - This is a new program for Lincoln County Social Services and the feed back has been positive. The committee received the

update and encouraged continued use. Mike Nelson, CPS Supervisor, requested returning to update the committee on progress and issues regarding Child Protective Services.

C. Economic Support (ES) 1. Material Update, 2. Approval to Refill ES Position – Director Schmidt updated the committee on the reorganization within the ES unit. The job description for Economic Support position and other reorganization materials are not in final form at this time. Director Schmidt will bring back to committee when ready.

8. Program Updates – Director Schmidt is working on reviewing contracts for outside housing with North Central Health Care and will report back to the Social Services Committee and the County Finance Committee.

9. Review of Vouchers – Voucher Summary was made available for review by the committee.

10. Adjourn – M/S Krueger/Kahle to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary