

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Social Services Committee**  
**Thursday, August 23, 2007**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Health & Human Services Building**

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

**Visitors:** T. Schmidt, Richard Wolf, Donna Winker

**1. Meeting** called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Chairman Loka

**2. Next regular meetings** will be on September 20 and October 18, 2007 immediately following Veterans Meeting.

**3. Minutes of July 19, 2007** were accepted as printed by Motion/Second M/S Krueger/Zeitz– all voting aye.

**4. Donna Winker – Long Term Support Coordinator (LTS)** Coordinator Winker described her new duties as combined Director of Commission on Aging and head of the Social Service Unit for Long Term Support, which is a consolidation of two positions creating a new position with additional responsibilities resulting in better services and savings for county tax payers. Ms. Winker described emphasis on anticipating costly needs of people referred for service, sharing resources, utilizing Mobile Crisis Unit, preparation for Aging and Resource Center under Family Care Program, managing a heavier case load by social workers and generally becoming familiar with new responsibility. The Committee welcomes the change in responsibility and expresses support and confidence in Ms. Winker's ability to do this challenging work. Thank you for stepping-up.

**5. Human Services Work Group** – Social Service Director Schmidt reported on the County Human Services Work Group meeting, update of mission statements along with coordinating activities of the several departments and interest groups.

**6. UWEX** – UW Extension will be providing training sessions to be utilized by Social Services programs.

**7. Director's Report**

**A. Long Term Support** – Four social workers will now be supervised by Coordinator Winker in a combined position.

**B. Child Protective Services** – No issues to report

**C. Economic Support** – Economic Support Worker position has not been filled, top candidate turned the position down. Energy Assistance Program will be taking applications soon which will require hiring of a limited term employee.

Child Support Unit now under Finance Department is being evaluated for reorganization. No decision of recommendations at present.

**8. Program Updates** – Director discussed ongoing issues and activity within the department. The Social Service Committee commends Director Schmidt for his energy, enthusiasm, devotion to clients and long term service to the County.

**9. Review of Vouchers** – Voucher Summary was provided for the Committee's review.

**10. Adjourn** – M/S Krueger/Zeitz to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver  
Secretary