

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

Members Present: Loka, Weaver, Krueger, Kahle

Excused: Zeitz

Visitors: T. Schmidt

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Loka.

2. Next regular meetings will be on October 18, 2007 and November 15, 2007 immediately following Veterans Meeting.

3. Minutes of August 23, 2007 were accepted as printed by Motion/Second (M/S) Krueger/Loka– all voting aye.

4. Budget Process – Social Services Director Schmidt explained that numerous changes in the budget format were still in process. He circulated a document which broke down budgeted revenue and expense in 2006 with line items in Support and Overhead, Economic Support, Child Care, Social Service for comparison purposes along with data on the 2006 Tax Levy and how levy was allocated. Additionally, Social Services Department has for 2008 brought into house the Child Support Agency for management and budgeting along with budget allocation for Haven. The end result will be a no county levy increase.

5. Human Services Group 9/17/07 - Director Schmidt reported that the Human Services Workgroup was recommending bringing back the Child Support Agency under supervision of Social Services Department and no longer function as a stand alone agency. Further, the group has requested a networking diagram of a functional ADRC in Lincoln County. This plan will be prepared by Donna Winker and Terry Schmidt.

6. Child Support – As part of the budget process and Human Services Group recommendation additional plans to bring the Child Support Agency under Social Services Department will be developed in the near future by the Human Services Group.

7. Directors Report – A. Long Term Support (LTS) – It was reported that while case loads are up billing has gone down. It is not known why or if this is a trend. It is desirable to have increased billing rates with increased case load. **B. Child Protective Services (CPS)** – Mike Nelson provided written statistics comparing out-of-home placements with surrounding counties. Lincoln County is on the low end of out-of-home placements which is highly desirable both for the community health and budget. Congratulations to CPS and continue to work toward low out-of-home placements.

C. Economic Support (ES) – The Economic Support Unit is now at full staff and receiving additional support from other internal Social Services department staff to help with the heavy case load. Fuel assistance Limited Term Employee has been hired.

8. Program Updates – Director Schmidt discussed the developing state Family Care Program. Lincoln County has not committed to joining a consortium of counties to provide Aging and Disability Resource Centers and accompanying Care Management Organization.

9. Review of Vouchers – Voucher summary was made available for review by the Committee.

10. Adjourn by M/S Krueger/Kahl at 7:15 p.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by - Robert Weaver, Secretary