

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, October 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

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

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Jean Labbus

- 1. Meeting** called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Loka.
- 2. Next regular meetings** will be November 15, 2007 and December 20, 2007 immediately following Veterans Meeting.
- 3. Minutes** of September 26, 2007 were accepted as printed by Motion/Second M/S Krueger/Kahle– all voting aye.
- 4. Jean Labbus, Administrative Services Supervisor** – Ms. Labbus visited with the committee about her new duties and changes in responsibility of the position. She and Mike Nelson are working with the Economic Support Unit on handling heavy case loads, which is an ongoing project to better provide services and allocate work within the unit. Other activities involve coordinating with a state trainer to help in-house, supervising clerical support staff, helping with developing new accounting system which emphasizes cost centers, staff working with Charlie George to develop contracts with outside service vendors, developing and implementing collection policy with new outside collection vendor, bringing in-house Child Support Agency. The committee thanks Ms. Labbus for spending her evening with the committee and accepting additional responsibility and challenges. The new Human Services culture is making a difference. Again, thanks to all in the Human Services Department for accepting change and the many ongoing improvements.
- 5. 2008 Budget** – The committee reviewed the 2008 Budget in the old format and by M/S Loka/Krueger recommended approval and inclusion in the 2008 budget process – all voting aye.
- 6. Director's Report – A. Long Term Support, B. Child Protective Services, C. Economic Support, D. Child Support** - Director Schmidt generally reviewed operation of the department and revisited ongoing internal issues – Family Care, Long Term Support billing, integration of Child Support Agency along with answering questions by the committee.
- 7. Program Updates** – Chairman Loka asked that Mary Schultz of Family Resource Center be placed on next meeting regular agenda.
- 8. Review of Vouchers** – Voucher summary was made available for review by the committee.
- 9. Adjourn** by M/S Loka/Kahle at 7:00 p.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary