

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

Members Present: Loka, Weaver, Krueger, Woller **Excused:** Zeitz

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Jean Labbus

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

2. Set Next Meeting Date – December 17, 2008 at call of the Chair if needed, January 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

3. Approve Minutes of October 16, 2008 Meeting – Motion/Second (M/S) Krueger/Woller to approve minutes of October 16, 2008 meeting as printed – all voting Aye.

4. Jean Labbus, Supervisor Administrative Services, updated the Committee about the activity she supervises. Ms. Labbus described the daily activity by the six full-time staff in administrative services. The staff has a full work load providing assistance and support to all the Social Service units and public. In general, service requests by Lincoln County residents are up substantially, in part due to the deteriorating economy. Energy Assistance Program requests are up and program funding has increased. The Committee thanks Ms. Labbus for helping them understand the tasks being dealt with by the Social Services Department.

Credit Card Approval – M/S Woller/Weaver to authorize Supervisor Labbus to request a credit card from the Finance Department for Social Services Department use with an upper limit of \$2,500.00 - all voting Aye.

5. Director's Report – Long Term Support (LTS) – Director Schmidt explained the COP Program, which is approximately \$1.2 million, will finish close to expending all authorized funds, a desirable outcome. **Child Protective Services (CPS)** has a heavy case load which has recently become more active. Supervisor Woller hand-delivered to Director Schmidt letters provided her by a resident regarding a specific case.

Economic Support (ES) is doing well but also has a heavy case load. **Child Support (CS)** activity was updated for the Committee.

6. H.A.V.E.N. Shelter home requested additional funds for a capital improvement program. The Committee took no action. It was noted that the 2009 budget has been finalized and it is expected that budget will be very tight.

7. Program Updates – Director Schmidt discussed the Human Service Work Group regarding reorganizing financial services, which is part of a County-wide financial services review. The new Family Care Program was discussed as to what options Lincoln County is considering.

8. Review of Vouchers – Voucher list made available for review.

9. Adjourn – M/S Woller/Krueger to adjourn – all voting Aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary