

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday April 16th, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

Members Present: Weaver, Krueger, Woller

Excused: Loka, Zeitz

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Mike Nelson, Jeff Sargent, Deb McGregor

- 1. Meeting called to order** by Chairman Loka at 6:20 p.m. immediately following Veterans Services meeting.
- 2. Next meeting dates** – May 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. immediately following Veterans Services meeting.
- 3. Approve minutes of March 19, 2009** – Motion/Second (M/S) Woller/Weaver to approve minutes of March 19, 2009 as printed - all voting aye.
- 4. Family Resource Center (FRC)** – Jeff Sargent and Deb McGregor reviewed documentation regarding how Lincoln County funding for the FRC programs was being used. FRC programs are well received and regarded in Merrill and Tomahawk. The Committee thanked Mr. Sargent and Ms. McGregor for their presentation.
- 5. CPS Update** – Child Protective Services (CPS) Supervisor Mike Nelson updated the Committee on the unit activity. The CPS unit is facing loss of Title IV-E money in the upcoming budget cycle and difficult choices regarding programming. The Committee understands difficult choices need to be made and requests recommendation regarding programming. *Special Thank You to the CPS unit for outstanding performance in 2008. The unit succeeded in having no placements in Lincoln Hills along with reduced out of home placements. This was achieved by emphasis on intensive-in-home service; further, a social worker position was not filled making resources available for contracts with Children's Services. Again, thank you for a job well done under a heavy work load!*
- 6. Child Support Supervision** – Director Schmidt apprised the Committee of the availability of Federal Stimulus dollars for enhanced effort, in the amount of \$36,000. Supervision in the Child Support unit was eliminated when the unit was restructured. Director Schmidt recommended that some of that money be applied to two existing supervisory employees, CPS Supervisor Nelson and Administrative Supervisor Labbus, for enhanced effort in the Child Support Unit. M/S Woller/Krueger to approve using Federal Stimulus dollars for enhanced effort in the Child Support unit for additional supervision. Sunset provision to apply for as long as funding exists, along with approval by Federal Government and Administrative Coordinator and other County approvals. – all voting aye.
- 7. Family Care** – Director Schmidt updated the Committee on a meeting with CCCW. CCCW will be providing survey information for Lincoln County and is looking for a commitment with an Adult Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC). Director Schmidt has a meeting with Oneida County regarding partnering with a consortium of northern

counties. Supervisor Weaver requested that action regarding a commitment to partner with an ADRC be placed on next regular meeting agenda. Director Schmidt is also reporting on a monthly basis to the Administrative & Legislative Committee regarding Family Care. Restructuring of County Board Supervision will need to be addressed as a result of Family Care Program changes.

8. Director's Report – A. Long Term Support – On track, heavy work load. **B. Child Protective Services** – Difficult funding choices in upcoming budget. **C. Economic Support** – Case load ratios very high but case workers are managing. **D. Child Support** – Stimulus Dollars addressed in item # 6.

9. Program Updates – none

10. Review of Voucher Summary – Voucher list made available for review.

11. Adjourn – M/S Weaver/ Krueger – all voting aye at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary