

**LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, July 23, 2009**

6:00 p.m.

Health & Human Services Building

Members Present: Bill Zeitz, Robert Weaver, Ron Krueger, Patsy Woller

Excused: Mike Loka

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Debbie McGregor

- 1. Meeting called to order** by Vice Chairman Krueger at 6:15 p.m. immediately following Veterans Services meeting.
- 2. Confirm next meeting date** – Next meeting date August 20, 2009 immediately following Veterans Service meeting approximately 6:15 p.m.
- 3. Approve minutes of May 21, 2009** – (M/S) Motion/Second Woller/Weaver – to approve minutes as printed – all voting aye.
- 4. Family Resource Center – Deb McGregor** – Family Resource Center representative Deb McGregor requested permission to make a presentation to the County Board regarding Family Resource Center Programs. Ms. McGregor was directed to the Social Service Committee as a matter of protocol in making request to appear before the County Board. The Committee expressed no reluctance in having the Family Resource Center make a presentation to the County Board. M/S Woller/Zeitz to support request to make presentation to County Board – all voting aye.
- 5. Elimination of General Relief Block Grant** – Director Schmidt presented the historical documentation for the establishment and rules governing General Relief Block Grant for funeral services to qualified persons. M/S Weaver/Woller to exercise the authorized discretion provided to the Social Service Committee and elect not to participate in the State General Relief Block Grant Program – all voting aye.
- 6. Child Support Plan for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds** – Director Schmidt explained that the plan to use ARRA funds was not acceptable to Administrative Coordinator Meehan. Further, past practice of authorizing additional pay for assuming additional duties was called into question by Mr. Meehan. The Committee took no action regarding ARRA funds and will review subject at future meeting.
- 7. Family Care Update** – Director Schmidt reported that Lincoln County has been accepted by Community Care of Central Wisconsin (CCCW) as requested by the County. The County is still working on acceptance in an Adult Disability Resource Center (ADRC) which is required to implement Family Care.
- 8. ADRC Status** – Lincoln County has applied to become a participant in an ADRC.
- 9. Director's Report** – **A. Long Term Support** – No Significant issues reported. **B. Child Protective Services** – No issues reported **C. Economic Support** – Economic Support case load continues to increase. **D. Child Support** – Child Support case load continues to increase. Difficult economic times are adding to Social Service Department case loads and increasing stress levels in our community. The Committee again

commends the performance of all Social Service Departments in responding to difficult economic times, not only in the community but within the Department. Thank you!

10. Program Updates – Director Schmidt provided budgetary and program overview and answered questions.

11. Review of Voucher Summary – Voucher Summary made available for review by Committee.

12. Adjourn – M/S Weaver/Krueger to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary