

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, November 19th, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

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

Visitors: Social Services Director Terry Schmidt

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Loka at 6:15 p.m.

2. Confirm Next Meeting Date – January 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. immediately following Veterans Service meeting.

3. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2009 Meeting – (Motion/Second) M/S Woller/Zeitz to approve minutes as printed – all voting aye.

4. Meeting with Community Care of Central Wisconsin (CCCW) – October 7, 2009 – Director Schmidt reported on the pending transition to the new State Family Care Program. CCCW CEO Jim Canales reported that the managed care organization is experiencing difficult economic times. Specifically, CCCW is having difficulty integrating county operated program providers into the new system because county operating costs are higher than competing private sector program providers. Lincoln County is tentatively planning to use CCCW as the Care Management Organization. The concern being - what the transition will have on existing County services and what will become of County employees working in these programs? Lincoln County has requested a meeting with CCCW to discuss the transition. Members of Lincoln County Administration have tentatively scheduled a meeting for December 2, 2009, currently with no designated time or place established.

5. Regional Director's Report – October 9, 2009 – Director Schmidt reported that other counties are also experiencing heavy caseloads as a result of the recession.

6. Director's Report – A. Long Term Support - The Community Options Program does not have a CBRF waiting list, which may result in the County not being able to spend all of our allocation. **B. Child Protective Services** - Program Director Mike Nelson informed the Committee that, due to budget constraints, there will be no outside contracts (including Family Resource Center) other than Children's Service Society.

C. Economic Support – Heating assistance is in high demand. The Department of Health Services (DHS) is requesting to purchase Economic Support time to reduce their backlog of BadgerCare Plus Core applications. **D. Child Support** – Director Schmidt discussed the results of a Request of Proposal to provide Child Support attorney services in 2010. Director Schmidt recommended two separate Cooperative Agreements, one with Attorney Jill Laufenberg and one with Attorney Jody Renaud beginning January 1, 2010 for a combined annual fee not to exceed \$24,000. M/S Loka/Woller to accept Director Schmidt's recommendation for Child Support attorney contract – four members voting Aye, Zeitz voting No.

7. Program Updates – Program updates covered in Director's Report.

8. Review of Voucher Summary – None available

9. Adjourn – M/S Zeitz/Loka to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary