

LINCOLN COUNTY
Social Services Committee
Thursday, March 18, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building

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

Visitors: Terry Schmidt, Mary Maluegge, Tracey Schroder, Tim Meehean

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Loka at 6:10 p.m. immediately following Veterans Service meeting.

2. Confirm Next Meeting Dates – April 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. immediately following Veterans Service meeting.

3. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2010 Meeting – M/S Motion/Second Krueger/Woller to approve minutes as printed – all voting aye.

4. Director's Report – Director Schmidt provided the Committee with a Draft Organizational Chart for Lincoln County Department of Social Services after implementation of Family Care. The chart is a working document that will be used by the Transitional Committee. Director Schmidt and Tim Meehean discussed the Organizational Chart and related changes that will result with implementation of Family Care. The County Finance Committee has reviewed a financial package that included Court House remodeling and Family Care implementation costs. Implementation of Family Care is set for April 1, 2011.

A. Long Term Support (LTS) Transition Update 2/23/10 Meeting – Committee discussed trends in LTS.

B. Child Protective Services (CPS) – Regional Director's – Act 78, 79 – Director Schmidt updated the Committee on new state law regarding public notice and disclosure.

C. Economic Support (ES) - The trend in ES funding by the State will be a reduction of approximately 16% over the next two years.

D. Child Support (CS) – Child Support staff Mary Maluegge and Tracey Schroder attended the meeting and discussed their increased case load from 1200 to 1500 and the reduction in support staffing. Director Schmidt is working on finding additional support staff and identifying administrative solutions to help with the case load. The case load continues to increase with difficult economic times and regulation changes add additional challenges.

1) New Cooperative Agreement (Legal) - conflict of interest with Lincoln County attorneys contracted to handle CS cases will necessitate developing a third Cooperative Agreement.

2) Staff Request (Proposal) - Additional staffing needs have not been defined or proposed at this time.

3) DWD Onsite Visit – Director Schmidt reported on State DWD visit, no issues reported.

5. Adjourn M/S Zeitz/Loka to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary