

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2013**  
**Health & Human Services Building**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Patsy Woller, Bruce Giese, James Alber, Paul Gilk

**Visitors:** Mike Nelson, Randy Scholz

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 11:01 a.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of March 21, 2013, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Geise, second by Alber to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – none.
4. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson informed the committee that, currently, there are six children placed in foster care and one youth placed in Lincoln Hills. Director Nelson added that this was not a change from last month.
5. **Financial Report** – Reports were reviewed. There were no questions and no concerns with regards to the budget. Director Nelson informed the committee that next month he will bring year-end financial reports for Social Services which will include Child Support and Lincoln Industries.
6. **Authorization to Refill Child Support Position** – Director Nelson relayed to the committee that a position in Child Support has come open due to a worker leaving to accept employment elsewhere. He indicated to the committee the importance of the position and the need to refill the position as soon as possible. Randy Scholz also gave his favorable recommendation for the refill of the position. Motion by Alber, second by Woller, to refill Child Support position. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Update on April Meeting with IM Consortium Directors** – It was relayed to the committee by Director Nelson that equity among counties is being analyzed by the IM Consortium Directors. The equity that is being looked at is each county's financial contribution, as well as direct service hours to the Consortium. Future meetings are scheduled amongst directors and county financial managers to analyze this concern.
8. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson reported to the committee that there have been no meetings since the last committee meeting. However, it was reported that there is a meeting today at 1:00 p.m. at North Central Health Care. The theme of this meeting will focus on the continuation of giving members an overview of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice System and to address a concern that was recently brought up in regards to what type of plan the counties have for the services that would be left behind.
9. **Director's Report/Program Updates** – Director Nelson shared with the committee that the Lincoln County Child Support Agency received a plaque of recognition for outstanding achievement for 2012 Child Support Performance. The committee expressed appreciation to the Child Support workers for their hard work and dedication. Director Nelson made the committee aware of the increased referrals of complexity and seriousness which have been handled by the Child Protection Service Unit over the past six to nine months. It was relayed to the committee that Director Nelson is looking at using current grant money to provide preventive services to these cases that the County has been inundated with over this time period.
10. **Review of Vouchers Summary** – Vouchers were reviewed and to be placed in file.
11. **Future Agenda Items**
  - Discussion of Federal Medicaid dollars to determine ability to tap into this money to be used at a County or Consortium level.
  - Presentation by James Botsford on his unique family therapy treatment skills and techniques.
  - Resolution supporting \$250,000 in GPR funding to the Northern IM Consortium.

**12. Set Next Meeting Date** – Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 at the Health and Human Services Building.

**13. Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Alber, second by Woller. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director