

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 9, 2013
Health & Human Services Building – Room 246

MINUTES

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

Visitors: Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of April 18, 2013 Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Giese, second by Alber to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – none.
4. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson informed the committee that since the last meeting, one infant was placed into Foster Care increasing the number of children placed in Foster Care to seven. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that one youth remained placed at Lincoln Hills.
5. **Financial Report** – 2013 Year-to-Date Financial Report as well as 2012 Year End Financial Reports for Social Services, Child Support and Lincoln Industries were reviewed. There were no questions. The Committee asked Director Nelson to send a letter on their behalf to Charlie George (??? Title) of Lincoln Industries to thank him and his staff for all of their hard work in the management of Lincoln Industries. Motion by Alber to approve, second by Giese. Motion carried.
6. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that at the last meeting on April 18, 2013, the directors from Marathon County, Laclede County and himself finished their presentation of the Child Welfare and Juvenile System and how they operate in each county. Director Nelson also reported that there was extensive conversation in regards to the services and programs that are not being looked at to be included in this multi-county human services model. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that future meetings on May 29, 2013 and June 20, 2013 will focus on out-of-home placement costs and trends as well as budget breakdowns of all social service programs in Marathon County, Laclede County and Lincoln County.
7. **Letter Supporting \$250,000 GPR Funding to Northern IM Consortium** – Director Nelson shared with the Committee a letter that was composed by the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium and signed by Robert Lussow on behalf of Lincoln County. The letter was sent directly to Senator Tiffany encouraging him to review and support the position of the Wisconsin Counties Association on Income Maintenance Consortium funding for the 2013 -2015 State biennial budget. This proposed change will allocate an additional \$250,000 in GPR (and its corresponding federal match) for the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium to ensure their survival in 2013. Discussion followed regarding this letter.
8. **Possible Use of Federal Medicaid Dollars at a County or Consortium Level** – There was extensive discussion regarding this issue; and a decision was made to meet again as a committee on May 15, 2013 to potentially look at submitting a resolution to the full County Board to accept the use of Federal Medicaid dollars at a County or Consortium level.
9. **Equitable Distribution of Wealth for Funding Social Services** – Motion by Gilk, second by Alber to lay over this issue to the June Meeting. Motion carried.
10. **Director's Report – Program Updates** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the new Casual Employee will be starting on May 20, 2013. She will be replacing an employee that is moving out of the area. He also informed the Committee that the request to refill the Child Support position passed the Personnel Committee unanimously and was forwarded on to full County Board for approval on May 21, 2013. Director Nelson informed the Committee of a bill that is gaining momentum in the state that would bring back 17 year olds to Juvenile Court. Director Nelson informed the Committee of the budgetary impact this could have on the County if the State does not give the counties funding to support this initiative.

11. Review of Voucher Summary – Vouchers were reviewed and to be placed on file. Motion by Gilk, second by Giese. Motion carried.

12. Future Agenda Items –

Social Service Voice Message Menu – Less complicated or shorter?

IM Call Center – Physical location of call center workers?

Feasibility Study – Budget breakdown information and out-of-home placements costs and trends

13. Set Next Meeting Date(s) – Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 246 at the Health and Human Services Building. Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 at the Health and Human Services Building.

14. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Gilk, second by Alber. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director