

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building – Room 246

MINUTES

Members Present: Patsy Woller, Bruce Giese, Paul Gilk, Jeff Hetfeld

Members Excused: James Alber

Visitors: Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of May 15, 2013 Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Giese, second by Hetfeld to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – none.
4. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee that two new children were placed in foster care since last meeting. Currently, the County has six children placed in foster care and one juvenile placed in corrections.
5. **Financial Report** – The 2013 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No concerns or questions were raised.
6. **2014 Budget** – Director Nelson went over the 2014 budgets for Social Services, Child Support and Lincoln Industries. Questions concerning State allocations and any increased expenditures were addressed. Further questions or concerns regarding the 2014 budgets will be addressed at next month's Committee Meeting should any arise after a more in-depth review of the 2014 Budget by Committee members. Motion by Geise, second by Gilk to advance the 2014 Budget to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.
7. **Update on Resolution for use of Federal Medicaid Dollars at a County or Consortium Level** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee that the resolution was forwarded on to Governor Walker for his consideration and shared with the Committee members a letter that was received from the Governor thanking Lincoln County for sharing our resolution with him. Director Nelson further relayed to the Committee that the Joint Finance Committee forwarded their recommendation on to the Governor to not except the Federal Medicaid Dollars.
8. **Equitable Distribution of Wealth for Funding Social Services** – Laid over to next month's meeting.
9. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that meetings were held on May 29, 2013 and June 20, 2013. The focus of these meetings was out-of-home placement costs and trends as well as budget break downs of all Social Service programs in Marathon, Langlade and Lincoln Counties. Director Nelson indicated to the Committee that copies of this information would be mailed out to the Committee members to review and discuss at the July 2013 Social Service Committee Meeting. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that North Central Health Care presented the different services that are provided by their agency. Another issue that was discussed was what it is that Committee members are looking to get out of this feasibility study. Gerry Born, one of the two hired facilitators of the feasibility study, was present for the June 20, 2013 meeting, at which time he went through the time frame when each task will be attempted to be accomplished. His co-facilitator, Gail Nordheim, was not able to attend this meeting.
10. **Safe and Stable Allocation** – Director Nelson educated the Committee on the history, intent and current use of the Safe and Stable allocation. Director Nelson will be bringing a detailed account of how the allocation is currently being used and his recommendation as to how the allocation should be used in the future to the Committee at the July 2013 Meeting.
11. **Selling Price of White Birch Road Parcels** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that these land parcels have been for sale for a lengthy amount of time with no interest at the current asking price.

Motion by Woller, second by Gilk to alter the price to sell at what is deemed reasonable by the Forestry Department.

- 12. Hiring of Temporary Income Maintenance Workers** – Director Nelson explained how the counties in the Income Maintenance Consortium are in need of hiring temporary IM workers to assist with the increase workload due to the Affordable Care Act. Lincoln County is looking to hire two full-time, temporary workers with all salary/ fringe benefits covered by additional State funding to the Consortium. Motion by Giese, second by Gilk to approve hiring two temporary IM workers. Motion carried.
- 13. Social Service' Phone Tree** – Laid over to next month's meeting.
- 14. Director's Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that a new Child Support worker as well as a casual employee in the Clerical Unit has been hired.
- 15. Future Agenda Items** – Equitable distribution of wealth for funding Social Services; Safe and Stable allocation; Social Service' phone tree.
- 16. Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.
- 17. Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Hetfeld, second by Giese. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director