

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building – Room 246

MINUTES

Members Present: Patsy Woller, Bruce Giese, Paul Gilk, Jeff Hetfeld, James Alber
Visitors: Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of June 20, 2013 Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Alber, second by Hetfeld to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Sub-Care Report** – There have been no changes with regards to number of placements outside of the home since the last Committee meeting. However, it was relayed that the juvenile placed at Lincoln Hills was transferred to the Mendota Health Institute.
5. **Financial Report** – The 2013 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No questions or concerns.
6. **2014 Budget** – The 2014 Budget was reviewed and discussed. No questions or concerns.
7. **Equitable Distribution of Wealth for Funding Social Services** – After much discussion with regards to the State not providing for the poorest members of society who make up a large percentage of the population and the Governor's decision to reject the Federal Medicaid dollars, the concern lies in how this will impact this particular population. Motion by Alber to have updates at monthly Committee meetings of tracking the effects of not accepting the Federal Medicaid dollars is having on the citizens of Lincoln County. Second by Gilk. All ayes. Motion passed.
8. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson gave his most recent updates in that the consultants were hired that are going to be responsible for conducting the Feasibility Study and preparing a final report with recommendations. Furthermore, timelines have been established with respect to when things need to be accomplished by. It was also relayed by Director Nelson that the directors of the three counties as well as the administration from North Central Health Care wrapped up summarizing services that each agency provides. The next meeting will be conducted on August 22, 2013, at which time consultants will provide the Committee with various models of collaboration for service delivery.
9. **Safe and Stable Allocation** – Director Nelson went through with the Committee where the State allocations funding is provided to, as well as his recommendation as to how the money should be spent for 2014. Director Nelson has not received confirmation from the State that his recommendation as to how some of the allocation will be utilized in order to comply with the requirements of the allocation. This will hopefully be resolved by the next Committee Meeting to allow the Committee to take action on Director Nelson's recommendation.
10. **Social Service' Phone Tree** – Director Nelson went through the print-out of the message that citizens hear when they call the Agency. After much discussion, Director Nelson will bring back to next month's Committee Meeting a revised greeting.
11. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that there was a resignation by an employee to take employment elsewhere. Director Nelson informed the Committee that he would be back next month with the request to fill this position. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that, sadly, one of our employees had a death in the family. Director Nelson also commended the hard work and dedication of all the employees of Social Services.
12. **Future Agenda Items** – Safe and Stable allocation; review of the Telephone Tree; Human Services redesign presentation; overview of Lincoln Industries by Charlie George.

13. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.
14. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Alber, second by Hetfeld. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director