

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Health & Human Services Building – Room 246

MINUTES

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

Members Excused: Jeff Hetfeld

Visitors: Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:07 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of July 18, 2013 Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Woller, second by Gilk 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. Director Nelson informed the Committee of a juvenile that the County is seeking to waive into adult court. If unsuccessful, placement in Lincoln Hills under a SJO placement that would be paid by the State or a residential placement to be paid by the County will occur.
5. **Financial Report** – The 2013 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No questions or concerns.
6. **Re-fill of Fiscal Information Specialist II position** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee the necessity to refill the position as well as the need to increase this position from 18 hours to 24 hours a week. It should be noted that Director Nelson informed the Committee that the added hours to the position would not result in the need for additional tax levy money as this position will be paid through the State funds. Motion by Alber and second by Giese to approve the refill of the position. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Poor Population** – Director Nelson shared with the Committee an e-mail he received from a fellow Director. The e-mail indicated that there is a push to implore DHS to grant a waiver that would allow Wisconsin's counties to participate in a Medicaid Demonstration Project that brings BadgerCare expansion at the County level in order to provide healthcare access and quality care for our citizens. Director Nelson will keep the community informed as to the progress on this and what would be needed by Lincoln County or the Committee.
8. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson indicated that there have not been any meetings since our last Committee Meeting. However, it was relayed that the facilitators of the study will be holding focus groups with important individuals who are directly involved with the Child Welfare System. The Lincoln County Focus Group will commence on 09/04/2013.
9. **Safe and Stable Allocation** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that he is still waiting on the answer from the State in respect to his proposal as to how to use the Safe and Stable allocation. It is felt that by the next Committee Meeting an answer will be achieved and this proposal can be discussed and possibly acted upon.
10. **Social Service' Phone Tree** – Director Nelson and the Committee agreed upon a more user friendly and condensed version of the phone tree. Motion by Alber; second by Gilk to accept the revised phone tree.
11. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the County received 56 applications for the two open Economic Support I positions. Interviews for this position will take place on 08/13/2013 and 08/14/2013. Director Nelson also relayed that he is participating in a meeting with other affected agencies that involves incorporating a security system at the Health and Human Services Building. This meeting will be spearheaded by Administrative Coordinator Randy Scholz that involves incorporating a security system at the Health and Human Services Building. Director Nelson also informed that there is a strong push in the legislature to bring back 17 year olds to Juvenile Court. Implications of this were discussed.

12. **Future Agenda Items** – Safe and Stable allocations; update on the Security System proposal; Director Nelson's Performance Evaluation.
13. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.
14. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Giese, second by Woller. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director