

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Health & Human Services Building – Room 246**

**MINUTES**

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

**Visitors:** Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of September 5, 2013, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Alber; second by Giese to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. 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 relayed to the Committee that on 10/22/2013 a youth will be placed at Northwest Passage for a 30 day evaluation.
5. **Financial Report** – The 2013 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No concerns were noted. Placed on file.
6. **Review of Vouchers** – Reviewed and discussed. There was a question on Stargazer Ride Service and Director Nelson will report back next month.
7. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Poor Population** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the agency has not had an influx of walk-ins or phone calls in relation to the clients that received letters indicating that BadgerCare benefits would be terminated at the end of this year and the availability of purchasing health insurance through the Marketplace. Director Nelson relayed to the Committee his concerns as to the ability of the clients to navigate the computer system to apply for health insurance. Furthermore, Supervisor Gilk relayed to the Committee that there is still an effort to encourage the Governor to accept the Federal Medicaid dollars.
8. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee that at the last meeting, Gerry Born and Gail Nordheim presented to the Committee their observations and findings from the focus groups that were held at the three counties. Committee members were sent this report prior to the meeting for their review and extensive discussion ensued regarding contents of the report. Also at the last task force meeting, it was agreed that each county would meet to determine its preferred approach to the Multi-County Human Services Department. Lincoln County task force members will meet on 10/07/2013. Director Nelson will report back to the committee next month with the results of this meeting.
9. **Safe and Stable Allocation** – Director Nelson updated the Committee on his plan on how the Safe and Stable allocation will be spent in calendar year 2014. This was presented in written form to the Committee. Motion by Alber; second by Gilk to approve plan. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson gave an update on the building security plan. A final plan with costs will be presented at next month's committee meeting.
11. **Discussion on Potential Available Money in April 2014 Due to Developmental Disability Waiting List** – Supervisor Alber relayed to the committee that he spoke with Linda Weitz of the Aging and Disability Resource Center about this topic; and she relayed to him that there would not be any available money for the county as hoped.
12. **Replacement of social Worker in Children and Families Unit** – This is no longer needed as the worker has decided to stay working in Lincoln County.

**13. Future Agenda Items** – Building security proposal.

**14. Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.

**15. Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Giese, second by Alber. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director