

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 7, 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, Randy Scholz, Don Schlising

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of October 3, 2013, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Giese; second by Alber to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Purchasing of Vehicle for Lincoln Industries Transportation** – Director Nelson explained to the Committee the need to purchase an 11 passenger van for Lincoln Industries. It was also relayed that no County tax levy money would be used to purchase the vehicle. Motion by Alber; second by Woller to give approval to advertise for bids and to purchase new vehicle.
5. **Update on Building Security System** – Randy Scholz gave his recommendations to the Committee for the building secure system after doing a walkthrough of the building and discussing the options with external consultants. Randy has received one bid so far on the security system from System Technology and is still waiting to receive a bid from Simplex. Don Schlising reported that this type of security system is consistent with other security systems already installed in other County buildings. It should be noted that Supervisor Gilk did express some reservations against doing this type of security system and did ask Randy and Director Nelson for further details and need for the security system. There was a motion by Giese and second by Alber to give approval to the proposed building security system based on recommendations given by Randy and Don. The motion also included accepting approval of either bidding, but not to exceed the quote from System Technology. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **Refill of Child Support Specialist Position** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee the need to refill a Child Support Specialist Position. Motion by Albers, second by Gilk to approve the refill of the Child Support Specialist Position. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson reported that in the past month, there has been one new placement at Northwest Passage. A juvenile was placed there for a 30-day evaluation and will be placed in another facility upon his release. Director Nelson also reported to the Committee that the County is on target to come in substantially under budget for out-of-home placement costs in 2013.
8. **Financial Report** – The 2013 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No concerns were noted. Placed on file.
9. **Review of Vouchers** – Reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
10. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Poor Population** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the County has not seen an influx of clients to the agency as of yet to utilize the computer and phone system set up to apply for health insurance through the Marketplace. Furthermore, IM workers have not seen any impact in their work load as of yet as a result of the roll out of the upcoming changes in the Affordable Care Act. Some of this can be attributed to the fact that the computer system set up by the Federal Government has had numerous technical problems. It is anticipated that IM workers will see their work load increase substantially starting in early December 2013 and continue into the new year.
11. **Update on Feasibility Study for Multi-County Human Services Model** – Director Nelson reported that on 10/07/2013, the Lincoln County representatives for the proposed Feasibility Study met to discuss

Lincoln County's preferred approach to how the multi-county Human Services model would look like. This was also done by Marathon and Langlade Counties. A meeting was then held at North Central Health Care on 10/28/2013 to discuss the results from each county. Director Nelson informed the Committee that there were still concerns being expressed by several members of the committees from other counties about the lack of community support and quality of service being given by North Central Health Care. Director Nelson reported that North Central Health Care CEO Gary Bezucha gave a presentation at the last meeting explaining how North Central Health Care is going to measure and ensure better quality service. Director Nelson also relayed that clear direction as to the future of this Feasibility Study will hopefully be determined within the next couple of months; and he will report back to the Committee with his recommendation as to how the County should proceed.

12. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee that the County had a preliminary audit the last week of October with the initial results being that the auditors had no major concerns with County operations.
13. **Future Agenda Items** – Building security proposal. Charlie George presentation on Lincoln Industries.
14. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Monday, December 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.
15. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Alber, second by Hetfeld. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director