

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Service Center – Room 257

MINUTES

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

Visitors: Mike Nelson, Nancy Bergstrom, Randy Scholz, Charles George

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Patsy Woller at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of January 21, 2014, Social Services Special Meeting** – Motion by Hetfeld; second by Alber to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Refill of Staff Aide Position at Lincoln Industries** – Charles George, Operations Manager of Lincoln Industries, presented to the Committee the job description of the Staff Aide and the need to refill this position. Motion by Alber, second by Hetfeld to approve refilling the Staff Aide Position at 36 hours a week. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Update on Building Security System** – Randy Scholz updated the Committee on the status of the building security system. Mr. Scholz relayed that the installation of doors rather than a buzzing system is the security system that he is working on with the State and the Merrill Fire Department. Director Nelson indicated that agency staff will be updated in respect to the building security system at an agency-wide meeting later this month.
5. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that in the past month, two youth have left foster care placement, with one other youth pending placement back in the home later this month. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that the Agency will come in under budget for out-of-home placement.
6. **Financial Report** – The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No questions or concerns were noted. The report was placed on file.
7. **Review of Vouchers** – Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. The vouchers were placed on file.
8. **Human Services Feasibility Study Presentation** – Nancy Bergstrom, Randy Scholz and Director Nelson gave a presentation on the Feasibility Study. After much discussion, a motion by Alber was made to forward the Feasibility Study Report and to work on the development of a resolution to proceed with the business plan to the County Board in March. Second by Gilk. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Low Income Population** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee that Healthcare.gov is in the process of sending the applications for health care coverage to the State of Wisconsin. It is unknown how many applications our Consortium will receive; however, the true impact to clients and workers will now be realized.
10. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson relayed to the Committee the vast amount of phone calls and appointments that staff has had to endure due to the recent propane shortage. After further discussion on this topic, a motion by Gilk to recognize the hard work of those employees that dealt with this crisis. Second by Hetfeld. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Future Agenda Items** – Presentation by Charles George on Lincoln Industries operations.
12. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 246 in the Health and Human Services Building.
13. **Adjourn** – Motion by Alber, second by Giese to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m. All ayes.