

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
Health and 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 February 6, 2014, Social Services Special Meeting** – Motion by Giese; second by Alber to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the County currently has two youth placed in foster care, three under a subsidized guardianship, one placed at a residential facility and one with the Department of Corrections. Director Nelson also informed the Committee that there are two youth that were referred to the intensive in-home counseling program as they are deemed high, out-of-home placement risks.
4. **Financial Report** – The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. No questions or concerns were noted. The report was placed on file.
5. **Review of Vouchers** – Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. The vouchers were placed on file.
6. **Resolution to Adopt the Feasibility Study and Develop a Business Plan for a Multi-County Human Services Department** – Director Nelson and the Committee went through the resolution; and after much discussion and debate, there was a motion by Woller and second by Alber to forward the resolution to the County Board. Ayes were Woller, Giese, Gilk and Alber. Nay was Hetfeld. Motion carried.

Additionally, a motion by Gilk and a second by Alber were made to have Director Nelson get clarification from Nancy Bergstrom in respect to what is perceived to be conflicting information in the body of the resolution. More specifically, clarification is needed on "WHEREAS, the cost of completing the Business Plan is estimated at \$135,000, and will be shared equally among the three counties." versus "Fiscal Impact: Shared cost of facilitator to be paid from the North Central Health Care reserves." Director Nelson will report back to the Social Services Committee at the special meeting that is scheduled prior to the March County Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion on Sending Letter to Department of Children and Families Regarding Regionalization of Services** – After much discussion on this topic, there was a motion by Gilk and a second by Alber to have Director Nelson send a letter to the Department of Children and Families' Secretary for further clarification as to there being any type of governmental momentum on regionalization of child welfare services. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Low Income Population** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the State of Wisconsin received approximately 55,000 from healthcare.gov with approximately 48,000 of them coming to our consortium. By all reports, it is the belief that our Economic Support workers are keeping up with the applications, in large part due to the PPACA workers that were hired on a temporary basis by the counties to deal with this influx of applications.
9. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that interviews were done and a worker was hired for the Clerical/Energy Assistance Position. This person will begin employment on March 17, 2014. The Committee was also informed that Price County did an FTE/Performance Measures Comparison with our County's Child Support Unit. The findings were that Price County had more workers and fewer cases, yet their performance measurements did not exceed those of our Child Support Unit. As a result, Price County decided not to fill a Child Support position. Director Nelson also gave an update to the Committee on the Propane Crisis. The Committee was informed that Director Nelson sent a letter to the State requesting additional crisis funds as our County was at less than 10% of our original crisis allocation. There was a motion by Alber and a second by Woller to bring a resolution to the County Board requesting contingency money to help offset the loss of this crisis money if the County does not receive additional funding. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 10. Future Agenda Items** – Reviewing of the letter to the State on regionalization of Child Welfare Services. Update on the crisis money allocated to Lincoln County from the State.
- 11. Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, March 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in Tomahawk at the William Buedingen Training Center, W6147 State Road 86.
- 12. Adjourn** – Motion by Hetfeld, second by Albert to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director