

LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Health and Human Services Building – Room 246

AMENDED MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Gilk, James Alber, Jeff Hetfeld, Greta Rusch

Members Excused: Patricia Woller

Visitors: Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Mike Nelson at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Elections of Officers**
 - a. **Chair** – Nomination for Alber by Gilk; second by Hetfeld; all ayes.
 - b. **Vice Chair** – Nomination for Hetfeld by Rusch; Hetfeld declined; nomination for Gilk by Hetfeld; second by Alber; all ayes.
 - c. **Secretary** – Nomination for Rusch by Hetfeld; second by Gilk; all ayes.
3. **Approve Minutes of March 6, 2014, Social Services Special Meeting** – Motion by Hetfeld; second by Gilk to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Approve Minutes of March 18, 2014, Social Services Special Meeting** – Gilk brought to the Committee's attention that the Social Service Committee minutes failed to match what County Board did. Specifically, the Social Services Committee failed to bring our motion to lay over the resolution to adopt the Feasibility Study and to develop a business plan for the Multi-County Human Services Department to the County Board. Motion by Gilk; second by Hetfeld to approve minutes as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Sub-Care Report** – Director Nelson informed the Committee that the County currently has three 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 informed the Committee that the County is currently under budget for out-of-home costs for 2014.
6. **2013 Budget Modifications** – Motion by Alber; second by Rusch to accept budget modifications; all ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Financial Report** – The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed as was budget issues facing the County moving forward. No questions or concerns were noted. The report was placed on file.
8. **Review of Vouchers** – Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. The vouchers were placed on file.
9. **Selling Price of Property on White Birch Road** – After Director Nelson gave historical background of the White Birch Road property, and after discussion, a motion by Hetfeld and second by Rusch was made to lay this over until next month as the Committee would like the opportunity to view the property before making a decision on selling price.
10. **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 Rusch 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.
11. **Update on Effects of Rejection of Federal Medicaid Dollars on Low Income Population** – Supervisor Gilk informed the Committee that he participated in a recent conference call with Kevin Kane of Citizens Action Group of Wisconsin. Gilk informed the Committee that there is still a push by counties to have the Governor accept Federal Medicaid dollars. Discussion ensued. There was also discussion on the topic of there still being individuals who are eligible for the Health Exchange even though the open enrollment date has passed. After much discussion, there was a motion by Gilk; second by Alber to have Director Nelson place information in the 3

locals newspapers (Foto New, Tomahawk Leader and Merrill Courier) informing the public how to contact the Marketplace to determine if they are eligible for the Special Enrollment Period for health insurance coverage.

12. Director's Report – Director Nelson informed the Committee that he is in discussions with Langlade County Director Kim Vanhoff to determine if collaboration of specific Child Welfare services/duties is feasible. The Committee was also informed that Lincoln County did receive addition Energy Assistance crisis money. This money will primarily be used for clients who have received disconnect notices from the local power company. Director Nelson informed the Committed that the two most recently hired employees are doing very well; and the Committee was also informed by Director Nelson of how happy and proud he is of the Agency Staff as a whole.

13. Future Agenda Items –

- a. Letter of Recognition/Thank You to Agency Staff
- b. Selling Price of White Birch Road Property
- c. Update on Letter sent regarding Regionalization of Services
- d. Update on Informational Notice to Public regarding Special Enrollment Period for Marketplace Health Insurance
- e. Update on Building Security System

14. Set Next Meeting Date(s) – Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln County Health and Human Services Building, Room 246

15. Adjourn – Motion by Gilk, second by Rusch to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. All ayes.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director