

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.  
Health and Human Services Building – Room 246

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** James Alber, Paul Gilk, Greta Rusch, Patricia Woller

**Members Absent:** Jeff Hetfeld

**Visitors:** Mike Nelson

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Chair Alber at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of November 13, 2014, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Woller and second by Rusch to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Sub-Care Report**- Director Nelson informed the Committee that there are currently two children placed in foster care, one in a group home and a youth placed in a 180 day alternative to corrections placement. Director Nelson hopes to have final 2014 placement costs at next meeting.
5. **Financial Report** – The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
6. **Review of Vouchers** – Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
7. **Discussion on Community Based Poverty Forum Presentation**- After much discussion by all Committee members on this item, there was a motion by Rusch and a second by Woller to have committee member Gilk continue to make efforts to organize a community event on poverty in Lincoln County; furthermore, any mileage/per diem for Paul for any travel costs and time spent organizing the event. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Director's Report** – Director Nelson informed the committee that work has started on installation of the security doors for the building. Anticipated completion date being mid-February.

Director Nelson shared with the Committee a copy of letter to Governor Walker that was put in the three local newspapers.

The Director shared with the Committee that the agency is looking to collaborate with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin on starting a Citizen Review Panel in Lincoln County. Director Nelson briefly went over with the Committee what this was and the goals behind it.

Director Nelson also talked about a Child Welfare Reform Committee that was being established and discussion ensued on some of the things that this committee would be looking at.

The Committee was informed that Wanda Kleinschmidt was hired to replace Charles George as General Manager of Operations at Lincoln Industries. It was reported that the transition with Wanda has been seamless and has done a good job thus far.

9. **Future Agenda Items** - Citizen Review panel
  - Discussion on bigger poverty forum presentation
  - Child Welfare Reform
  - Update on security door
  - Birth-to-Three Program update
  - Child Support paycheck withholdings
10. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln County Health and Human Services Building, Room 246.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Gilk, second by Woller to adjourn meeting at 7:07p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Mike Nelson, Director