

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.  
Lincoln County Service Center – Room 248

**MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** Jeff Hetfeld

**Visitors:** Renee Krueger, Toni Simonson, Kelly Alber

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Alber at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of August 6, 2015, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Rusch and second by Woller to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Financial Report-** The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
4. **Proposed Resolution Regarding Social Work Safety Bill** – Discussed basis for proposed resolution supporting passage of the Social Work Safety Act. Motion by Woller, second by Gilk. Revisions to resolution made unanimous vote of 4-0 with one absence. Motion carried.
5. **Discussion Regarding Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR)/Wisconsin Heat and Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) Pilot** – September begins our energy assistance season. Overview of program provided. Lincoln County accepted an invitation to join a pilot program that allows Lincoln County's WHEAP intake worker to recommend best candidates for weatherization services. Discussion held regarding best practice in providing services to clients while promoting independence.
6. **Discussion on Community Based Poverty Forum** – Exploring Lincoln County's Economic Facts & Future: Getting Ahead, Getting By featuring Dennis Deery, Mary Czaja, Gary Green and Renee Krueger will be held on October 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at T.B. Scott Community Room. Request for the Director to meet with Art Lersch to explore connecting with Wisconsin Public Television to broadcast. Motion made to approve mileage and per diem for Social Service Committee members who attend if they choose. Motion by Albers, second by Gilk. All ayes. Carried.
7. **Director's Report** – Director's Report was reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
8. **Update on Out-of-Home Care/Placements** – Attachment regarding 2014 and 2015 costs for out-of-home care discussed. Non-youth aides and youth aides categories explained. Least restrictive settings discussed in regards to best practices, concerns regarding disruption of placements and overall development and progress of child to be considered when determining placements. Current number of out-of-home placements, including Kinship placements discussed.
9. **Future Agenda Items** – Public Hearing will be held prior to next month's meeting. Presentation on Trauma Informed Care will be held next month's meeting. Standard Agenda items will remain. Toni Simonson from North Central Health Care will provide an overview of services at November 5, 2015 Meeting.
10. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Thursday, October 8, 2015, at Lincoln County Service Center, Room 248. Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Woller and second by Rusch. Adjourn meeting at 7:13 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Renee Krueger, Director