

**LINCOLN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Service Center – Room 248**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Alber, Paul Gilk, Greta Rusch, Patricia Woller, Corey Nowak
Members Absent: None
Visitors: Renee Krueger

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Alber at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of January 6, 2016, Social Services Meeting** – Motion by Woller, second by Gilk to approve minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Financial Report-** The financial report was reviewed and discussed. Placed on file.
4. **Update on New Position for Lincoln Industries** – An overview of the services provided by Lincoln Industries provided by the director and committee chair for the new committee member. Director provided an explanation of the current request for a newly created position, “Job Developer.” Director explained that the personnel committee did approve the position and the request is scheduled for review and approval at the County Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 16th at 9 a.m.
5. **Update on the Juvenile Justice Package** – The director provided update information that resulted in attendance of the law enforcement committee meeting, a meeting with Tomahawk Police Chief Alvins, and information provided by Vilas County in response to Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 affecting child welfare practice. A motion was made by Gilk for the Director to prepare an invitation to the next committee meeting to engage in an open discussion about the perceived benefits and concerns. The invitation should be extended to the Merrill police chief, the Tomahawk police chief, the Sherriff, Corporation Counsel, the District Attorney, State representatives Tiffany and Czaja, and any other vested persons the director feels is appropriate. Second by Nowak. All ayes. Motion carried
6. **Lincoln County Persons for Poverty Forum** – Discussion and action in regards to this item will be placed on hold.
7. **Director’s Report** – The Director’s Report was reviewed and placed on file.
8. **Update on Out-of-Home Care/Placements** – Discussion was held in regards to the role of the social service committee in regards to concerns about out-of-home care placements. Although cost should not be considered in making decisions about placing youth outside of the home, the fiscal impact of placing children outside of the home is something the social service committee needs to be cognizant of. Thus

changes to out-of-home placements is discussed at each meeting for the purpose of being able to be responsive in budget preparedness

9. **Future Agenda Items** – Review and approve new employees schedule; update on the plenary meeting; update on Lincoln Industries position; Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 affecting child welfare practice open discussion; Laura Scudiere with North Central Health Care may be present to introduce herself; Discussion regarding current status of North Central Health Care requested but may be postponed until further information is available. Lastly, information provided from Department of Corrections and Department of Children and Families regarding Copper Lake/Lincoln Hills School will be provided to the committee.
10. **Set Next Meeting Date(s)** – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Lincoln County Service Center, Room 258.
11. **Adjourn** – Motion by Nowak and second by Woller . Adjourn meeting at 6:38 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Renee Krueger, Director