

**Meeting Minutes of
LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday December 4th, 2019 11:00a.m.**

SERVICE CENTER

PRESENT: Paul Gilk, Dora Gorski Greta Rusch

ABSENT: Corey Nowak, Jeremy Ratliff,

OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Krueger, Becky Beyer, Jim Schoneman, Stephanie Landwehr

1. Meeting Called to Order by Gilk at 11:02a.m.
2. Approve Minutes of November 6th, 2019 meeting – Motion by Rusch to approve the minutes; second by Gorski. All ayes. Motion Carried.
3. Financial Report
 - a. Year to date – Director indicated that the Child Support budget is now reflective of the quarterly deposit of \$55,000. We will still receive our last quarter payment and still anticipate incentive funding which usually is announced after the year end. The Lincoln Industries budget continues to operate at a loss. The general social services budget is currently reflecting a substantial positive, however, there are not any significant additional revenues. Additionally, due to staffing issues, additional hours have been approved through the end of the year.
Report placed on file
4. Update on open/filled positions and transition plans – Mickala Schneider has accepted the Child Welfare Manager position. Mickala has provided on-going child welfare services for the past year. Mickala has previous experience as a social worker at Lincoln Hills School. Mickala is very passionate about meeting standards and providing quality services to families. We look forward to her leadership. However, this does open a social worker position and additionally another social worker has resigned. Thus, leaving the department with two current openings which is posted. A third social worker position will be out for the next 6 weeks leaving the unit with one active Child Protective Services worker. Mickala will continue to manage her caseload, the director will assume the open initial assessments and any new assessments will be divided among staff. The staff support workers are helping with required monthly face to face contacts and additional hours were approved for front desk staff such that the support staff would not need to provide those services as typically scheduled. Lead Child Support Worker Jessi Rumsey has increased her hours and responsibility to help provide support to the child welfare unit and has made some significant improvements in maintaining schedules and task completion as well as providing guidance on service delivery.
5. Update on recovery coaching partnership – The Director introduced Stephanie Landwehr as the Lincoln County designated recovery coach. The referral process was discussed, an overview of the service model was shared and questions regarding the ability to provide contact to parties interested in third party commitments confirmed and clarified that the recovery coach can be offered to family members or friends of those struggling with addiction for their own wellness plan development and management.
6. Review and approve Interim Contract with North Central Health Care (NCHC) for Lincoln Industries management – The director provided an update regarding Lincoln Industries. Staffing issues discussed, positive feedback at the Town Hall shared, and overview of NCHC supports shared. At this time there is not a contract for review and is still being worked on.

7. Approval to contract for Child Care Certification with Corporation Counsel and Administrative Coordinators review of contract – The director requested that Lincoln County contract with Childcaring Inc. for child care certification services. The director explained currently that there is one provider certified, and the challenges with maintaining quality services with minimal exposure and significant policy, changes yearly. The director had contacted two other counties who have indicated that they have contracted with Childcaring Inc. as a single source provider for a number of years and that they have positive feedback regarding the responsiveness and quality of service provided. The director forwarded other county contracts to corporation counsel and it has been approved to form with one clarification request. Upon approval, the director will draft a Lincoln County specific contract and 2020 objectives and send final to Corporation Counsel for approval. Motion by Rusch to approve the Department to contract with Childcaring Inc. for 2020 pending contract approval by Corporation Counsel and the Administrative Coordinator; second by Gorski. All ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Resolution accepting donation of artwork – The director introduced Jim Schoneman and explained the resolution that Schoneman had obtained the displayed framed Limited Edition Prints done by local artist Mark Mittlesteadt in the late 80's. Schoneman has offered to donate the prints to Lincoln County provided they are hung in a Lincoln County building. Schoneman provided the history of how Mittlesteadt sketched the eagles live nesting on the Wisconsin River in the New Wood area. Motion by Gorski to approve the resolution with the one recommended change and forwarding to the County Board for approval; second by Rusch. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Update on the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Partnership (CAN) – The director updated the committee on the current status of the CAN discussions and the tentative roll out plan for 2020. If approved, March 2, 2020 is the desired date to on-board Lincoln County. CAN leadership will attend the January meeting to share details on the CAN operations.
10. Future Agenda – CAN partnership approval
11. Next Meeting Date(s) – January 15, 2020 10:00a.m. Service Center
12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Rusch; second by Gorski. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m.

Minutes prepared by Renee Krueger, Director