

**Meeting Minutes of  
LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:30 a.m.  
LINCOLN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – ROOM 257**

PRESENT: Paul Gilk, Greta Rusch, Dora Gorski, Robert Lee, Patricia Voermans by phone

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Krueger by phone, Jessi Rumsey by phone, Stefanie Kaminski

1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:30am
2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting August 12th, 2020 – Motion by Rusch to approve the minutes; second by Lee. All ayes. Minutes approved.
3. Financial Report – Motion by Lee to approve the financial report; second by Rusch. All ayes. Financial report approved.
4. Director's Report – Krueger provided overview of the directors report. Report placed on file.
5. Updates pertaining to COVID impact on Social Services – Krueger reported that overall compliance to temporary policies have been complied with and explained responsively to other departments in the building. No additional changes.
6. Quarterly Report – Gilk asked for clarification regarding foster care versus subsidized guardianship. Krueger explained the history of permanency definitions and statutory changes resulting in subsidized guardianships. Report placed on file
7. Resolutions
  - a. Lincoln County Child Support Recognition of Excellence – Krueger explained the recognition based on performance and taking this opportunity to recognize the continuous outstanding service and performance of the unit. Rumsey stated she feels fortunate to have dedicated veteran staff who are so committed. She noted that it takes a number of years to train staff in which they have independence; thus the ability to adjust to staff needs during COVID was critical to retention and appreciate. Motion by Gilk to approve the resolution and forward to the Board of Supervisors; second by Rusch. Gilk asked about compliance with payments with COVID. Rumsey explained the procedural responses by department and stakeholders. Additional actions such as the federal stimulus and unemployment impacts has also allowed for continued compliance. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - b. Approval to apply for Treatment Alternative Program Grant – Director explained that social services is not eligible to apply for this grant but would be willing to continue to collaborate with other stakeholders to develop a plan should similar options and means be made available in the future. Committee expressed continued interest in the director furthering exploration and collaboration for future options.
  - c. Approval to apply for Children's Justice Act Competitive Funding – Krueger explained that this grant application would support the purchase and development of a local child forensic interview room. Motion by Gilk to approve the resolution and forward to the Board of supervisors; second by Rusch. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discussion regarding recent issues with the 85.21 program and 2021 application – Krueger explained that recently a gap in services has come about and with the pending 2021 application due in the near future would need to make changes to current program to address the gap. Krueger explained the funding for 85.21 and possible options to explore. Committee engaged in discussion regarding information needed to make a decision. Krueger explained that what was requested of the committee today was approval from the committee to make contacts to community organizations to explore availability for options including assuming program administration, purchase of a handicapped accessible van for use of current volunteers, or contracting a handicapped van service. Motion by Gilk to explore options with community organizations and administration and provide options for the committee to review at the next meeting; second by Lee. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Director Time Sheets for period 7/27/20 through 08/23/20 – Motion by Lee to have committee examine the time sheets and have the chair to sign; second by Rusch. All ayes. Time sheets approved.
10. Future Agenda – no additional items noted
11. Next Meeting Date(s)- October 14th, 9:30a.m. Service Center Room 257
12. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rusch; second by Lee. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 10:45am.