

**Meeting Minutes of
SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES COMMITTEE (PSSF)
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday September 23RD, 2020 10:30 a.m.:
LINCOLN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – ROOM 156**

PRESENT IN PERSON: DORA GORSKI, RENEE KRUEGER, HOLLEY LUERSSSEN
PRESENT BY PHONE: SARAH BRANDNER, DEBBIE MOELLENDORF, GUY
STECKBAUER, PATTI HILGENDORF, SANDY STETZER
ABSENT: KAY KISSINGER-WOLF

1. Meeting Called to Order by Moellendorf at 10:30am
2. Welcome and Introductions – Members introduced themselves.
3. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting February 19, 2020 – Motion by Hilgendorf to approve the minutes; second by Gorski. All ayes. Minutes approved.
4. 2020 Funding Report and Final Reporting – Brandner confirmed that the included report had all invoices to date included. Moellendorf indicated that After the Bell program may or may not be held this year. Steckbauer confirmed that Kids in Motion and After the Bell are not expected to resume this calendar year.
 - a. Krueger explained that social services has submitted for a grant to develop local forensic interviewing. Krueger informed how local access to a facility and trained interviewers would reduce out of home time and trauma to children, and that the expenses are anticipated to exceed the grant. Krueger requested that any remaining funds be used to offset the expenses if awarded the grant. Motion by Luerssen to allow up to \$7000 for expenses that may exceed the grant allocation; second by Gorski. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Discussion was held about additional needs that fall within the safe and stable grant parameters. Luerssen explained how UW-Extension created activity bags over the summer and that there was an interested in having a winter activity bag. Additionally, Luerssen has been holding small monthly groups. Neither are currently funded for supplies. Hilgendorf discussed the additional needs for paid staffing for Kinship of Tomahawk due to the lack of ability to use volunteers. Motion by Luerssen to use \$1000 of remaining funds for the purchase of supplies to develop supports for children in response to COVID-19 and the rest of the funds to support Kinship of Tomahawk; second by Hilgendorf. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. 2021 Application Guidelines and Community Needs Identification – Krueger explained that the application will come out in October. It is unknown if the “roll over” option will be available. However, if we submit the roll over option than we are not able to request any additional funding. Krueger explained how the grant

is divided into four categories, three being targeted service areas and one flexible. Service areas include prevention, preservation and reunification. Current programs funded in each service area reviewed. Committee then reviewed other community programs that may fall within those areas that are not currently funded. (see attached list). Krueger informed that any additional thoughts can be emailed through September. Motion by Hilgendorf if given the option, to use the reapplication process to add additional programs and request additional funding; second by Stetzer. All ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Next Meeting Date(s)- February 17th, 2021, 10:30a.m. Location and virtual option to be determined.
7. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gorski; second by Steckbauer. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 11:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Renee Krueger