

## **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Monday March 13, 2023 at 4:00p.m.**

Meeting Location: Room 156 Services Center 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Cummings, Greta Rusch, Laurie Thiel, Jim Meunier

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

VISITORS IN PERON: Renee Krueger, Jessi Rumsey, Mickala Ferge, Elizabeth McCrank

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Marty Lemke

### **MINUTES**

1. Call Meeting to Order by Cummings at 4:00pm
2. Introductions to Social Services Leadership
3. Approval of January 23, 2022 Minutes: M/S Thiel, Rusch to approve minutes - carried
4. Financial Report:
  - a. 2022 Emergency Youth Aides \$31,055: Krueger explained that 2022 is not closed out yet. It is anticipated that we will receive Emergency Youth Aides funding. Krueger further explained how these funds are allocated.
  - b. Targeted Safety Support Funds for 2023: Krueger explained that the Director is authorized by resolution to sign recurring state contracts and then information is brought to committee. Director explained that TSSF contract was provided and how funds are used
  - c. 2023: Krueger informed the committee of what to look for in the report as the year progresses. No immediate issues to note.
5. Haven Presentation: Kim West provided a presentation on intergenerational trauma and services that HAVEN provides. Krueger and Ferge explained contract and collaborative services between Social Services and HAVEN.
6. Directors Report: Krueger informed that there is not a written report. However, there is a one page recognition of Glenda Kummerow, the annual child welfare data report information on *Putting Families First Dashboard* in the packet and briefly explained these. Child Welfare Manager and Youth Justice Worker will be attending Optimist Law Day. Krueger informed that the changes in the co-pay for 85.21 lift pay continue to be assessed. Program staff met recently to discuss and information shared indicates most are finding alternative resources.
7. Approve Director Expense sheet: M/S Rusch/Thiel to approve the expense sheet - carried. Clarification provided that timesheets were approved at A & L.
8. Action on reacquired vehicle from Lincoln Industries: M/S Cummings/Meunier to carry over to next meeting and directing Lemke to follow up with the maintenance director on condition of vehicle - carried.
9. Policy & Resolutions -
  - a. Fleet Vehicle Policy: Rumsey provided an overview of policy and described work flow process created to monitor upkeep of vehicle. M/S Rusch/Thiel to approve - carried.
10. M/S Lemke/Rusch to go into closed session to include McCrank, Krueger, Rumsey

- a. pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Social Services Recruitment Process
  - b. pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations: *85.21 complaint*  
Roll call vote. Convene to closed session.
11. Reconvene to open session: M/S Rusch/Thiel to move to open session; roll call vote - move to open session
  12. Take any necessary action on the closed session items(s): M/S Thiel/Rusch to take Krueger's recommendation to appoint Jessi Rumsey Interim Director of Social Services effective immediately and to be compensated as discussed. - carried.
  13. Future Agenda Items - Lift Van
  14. Next Meeting Date(s)- April 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m. Service Center Room 156
  15. Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm

Minutes Prepared by Renee Krueger