

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday December 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Room 248 Services Center 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Thiel, Jim Meunier, Elizabeth McCrank, Greta Rusch

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Jessi Rumsey

VISITORS IN PERON:

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Marty Lemke

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Approval of November 13, 2023 Minutes** – M/S McCrank/Meunier to approve minutes – carried
3. **Financial Report** – Discussion regarding items a., b., and c. Rumsey reported we are hopeful that we will come in under budget for 2023 and be able to have funds left over for the Social Services out-of-home placement reserve fund. Discussion held on the high cost of out-of-home placements and impact on the department budget. 2023 YTD report placed on file.
 - a. **2023 YTD**
 - b. **2024 Child Support State/County Contract signed - \$281,554.00**
 - c. **2024 Child Welfare State/County Contract signed - \$1,401,127.71**
 - i. **Includes:**
 1. **Children & Families Allocation - \$640,316.00 / *requires county match of \$47,375.00**
 2. **Promoting Safe & Stable Families - \$42,827.00**
 3. **Kinship Care Benefits & Assessments - \$240,075.00**
 4. **Youth Aids (including AODA YA) - \$424,226.00**
 5. **Targeted Safety Supports - \$32,335.32 / *requires county match of \$3,197.96**
 6. **Targeted Safety Resources - \$26,541.39 / *requires county match of \$2,624.94**
 7. **Contract subtracts Lincoln County's WISACWIS County User Fee (\$3,911.00) and PDS Training Partnership Fee (\$1,282.00) from funds.**
4. **Director's Report** – Discussion on various items on the report. Report placed on file.
5. **Approve Director Timesheets for 10/30/2023 – 11/6/2023 & Expense Report** – M/S Rusch/Meunier to approve timesheets and expense report – carried.
6. **Request to approve contract with Vilas County & change accountant temporarily from exempt to non-exempt** – Discussion held regarding the need, the anticipated tasks, and the compensation for staff to complete additional duties. Rate set in the proposed contract for Vilas County to reimburse Lincoln County for costs associated with temporarily assisting them. There is no additional cost to Lincoln County. M/S McCrank/Rusch to approve – carried.
7. **Policy & Resolutions – none**
8. **Future Agenda Items** – nothing specific to note at this time, items will be added as things come up.
9. **Next Meeting Date(s)- January 8, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. Service Center Room 248**
10. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm

Minutes prepared by Jessi Rumsey