

## **SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

**June 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Carol Beals at 9:00am. Roll call was taken with Hood, Ranum, Nelson and Beinborn present. Also present were Fred Naatz, Director, Tori Armstrong, Business Manager, and Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman. The meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Hood moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried.

Meghan Skemp, the CST (Coordinated Services Team) Coordinator did a presentation about the CST program. Bev Doll, UW-Extension/Services Coordinator with CST, Pam Strackeljon, Pastor/works with families in CST and Mary Guerin, Parent Peer/Service Coordinator with CST where all also present. The CST program is a strength-based approach to the family's needs. It enables friends, family, neighbors, clergy and parent advocates to be a part of the process, as well as, formal support. The parent peer goes in to the family's homes and bonds with them at various times of the day or night. The CST Core Values are – Family Centered, Strength Based, Community Based, Culturally Competent, Unconditional, and Outcome Oriented. There have been 31 families served with additional individuals receiving support beside the child 2012 – 14 individuals, and in 2013 – 20 individuals.

Beinborn moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried. Nelson moved to approve the May, 2014 vouchers, seconded by Beinborn. The motion carried. Hood moved to approve the April, 2014 Administrative Report, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried. Ranum moved to approve the March and April training costs, seconded by Beinborn. The motion carried. Training \$852.44; travel related to training \$1,077.56; lodging \$746.00; meals \$47.74.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fred shared that the Division of Energy Services sent a letter to DSS, complementing us on the efforts the fuel program made during the propane shortage.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Community Options Program Committee/Lead Agency: The clients served using COP monies are all Unified Community Service clients, therefore Fred would possibly like to make Unified the agency lead in COP. This will be revisited in September before the 2015 budget is submitted.

Juvenile Justice Community Service: Clark Thelemann, DSS JJ Supervisor and Adrienne Udelhoven, JJ Social Worker talked to the Board regarding the Grant County Community Service Program Proposal. This would entail DSS committing to approximately \$10,000 to help with a program to supervise juvenile's complete court ordered community service. The board would like Fred to check with Crawford County Human Services to see how their program is doing, and then bring that back to the Grant Co. DSS board.

Independent Living Services – DCF proposed changes: The state is proposing to provide independent living services to 18 – 21 years of age using the allocations that go to each county now. This would amount to approximately \$10,500 per year that DSS would not receive from DCF for independent services.

Wireless Update: IT is in the process of making the DSS building wireless. They are in the testing phase.

Directors Report:

1. There have been water pressure issues in the building. OM maintenance were not sure what was happening to the pressure. They now think they know, and are waiting for a part to come in to fix the problem. A new water softener has been installed; however they now believe that a bigger one is needed. The pot holes are bad around the building, which Fred was told that the highway department will be fixing. The remodeling of the reception area is also something that needs to get started.

Social Services Board Orientation/Responsibilities/Board Performance Evaluation: Beinborn stated that he is satisfied with how the DSS board is functioning, with Hood agreeing.

**PERSONNEL - None**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:00 AM Beinborn moved, seconded by Hood to adjourn to July 2nd, 2014 at 9:00 AM at ADRC. The motion carried.

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**Donald Splinter**

**Date**

