

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

February 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Carol Beals at 9:00am. Roll call was taken with Hood, Nelson, Splinter, Loy, and Beinborn present. Ranum was excused. Also present were Fred Naatz, Director, Tori Armstrong, Business Manager, Lori Reid, ADRC Director, and Ken McAndrew, Orchard Manor Maintenance Supervisor. The meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Beinborn moved to approve the order of agenda, seconded by Hood. The motion carried. Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting, seconded by Splinter. The motion carried. Splinter moved to approve the December, 2014 vouchers, seconded by Loy. The motion carried. Hood moved to approve the January, 2015 vouchers, seconded by Beinborn. The motion carried. Nelson moved to approve the December, 2014 Administrative Report, seconded by Loy. The motion carried. Beinborn moved to approve the December, 2014 (Travel - \$121.52, Training - \$20.00, Lodging \$140.00, Meals - \$38.61) and January, 2015 (Lodging - \$210.00) training costs, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADMINISTRATION

Contract with Platteville Family Resource Center – 6 months

Nelson moved to continue the PFRC contract for SED services for 6 months (January – June, 2015) at \$1,000 per month using the Personal Care Reserve, seconded by Splinter. The motion carried.

Building Security

Matt Hanson from the Security Company came to DSS and talked with Naatz, Reid, and Armstrong about different things that could be done to the building for security throughout. He will be emailing Naatz on how to improve security inside and outside of the building.

New appeal process for substantiated determinations of child abuse or neglect

People who have been substantiated for child abuse or neglect will be notified by DSS, and they have 15 days to appeal. As of January 2015, they now have an option to request court through the Wisconsin Division of Hearings and Appeals. Grant County Corp. counsel will now be utilized more because of this change. Naatz is looking to see if other surrounding counties would be available to do our appeals, and DSS could be available for other counties.

Elder Abuse gaps/training

An email was sent to Debbie Donald (Elder Abuse Social Worker) regarding a person who was being financially abused. The case has raised the issue of DSS getting the word out to the public about DSS service's in the Elder Abuse realm. Part of the yearly allocation that DSS receives is for attorney fees and court costs, so this is a benefit for cases in need of legal help. Donald will be taking this to the ITeam, so they can follow-up on getting this information to the public.

DIRECTORS REPORT

1. eWReports for child welfare dashboards: Naatz showed the reports that are available through the Department of Children and Families that give statistics on CPS cases in the state and also broken down by county. These reports are excellent tools in seeing how the county is processing reports. The graphs showed the DSS is trying to be preventative with CPS.
2. Naatz stated that case file reviews are being done more consistently by using a checklist to insure all necessary information is in each case file. The goal is to increase the quality perspective of case files.
3. The Annual Report is being worked on, and will be completed by the end of February, 2015.
4. There are some increasing challenges to the “state cocaine law”. These are handled the same as CPS cases, however it is expected that there will be more legal issues with people stating that it is not constitutional.

PERSONNEL

Beinborn motioned to approve the replacement of the Economic Support position, seconded by Hood. The motion carried.

3 new Social Workers introduced themselves: Emily Hochhausen, Samantha Villeneuve, and Lucinda Briesemeister.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30AM Beinborn moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn to March 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM at DSS Large Conference Room. The motion carried.

Donald Splinter

Date

