

## **SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

**August 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Carol Beals at 9:00 AM. Roll call was taken with Beals, Splinter, Loy, Ranum, Hood, Beinborn and Nelson present. Also present was Fred Naatz, Director. The meeting found to be in compliance with the open meeting law requirements. Hood moved to approve the order of the agenda, seconded by Loy. The motion carried. Beinborn moved to approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting, which was seconded by Ranum. The motion carried. A motion to approve the July 2015 vouchers was made by Nelson, seconded by Splinter. The motion carried. Beinborn made a motion to approve the June 2015 Administrative Report, seconded by Nelson. The motion carried. Ranum made a motion to approve the June 2015 training expenses ((Training - \$788.00, Travel - \$557.77, Lodging - \$309.00, Meals - \$165.00, Misc. - \$5.50), which was seconded by Splinter. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**      NONE

### **ADMINISTRATION – GENERAL**

#### **State budget Update**

Naatz report on items included in the state budget that will impact the department. Highlights included extending the eligibility of some children in out-of-home care until they reach age 21, which also included extending the age for children in kinship care, adoption assistance and subsidized guardianship. The Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program budget allocated an additional \$26 million dollars to fully fund the state's costs of providing this mental health benefit. It was the consensus of the Board that Naatz meet with the Director of Unified Community Services to discuss bringing in the CCS program into Grant County, how it would assist children in the county dealing with mental health issues, and if there was anything that DSS could do to help support this endeavor.

The long term care Family Care program was directed to move towards using Integrated Health Agencies to deliver a combined benefit that includes acute care services. The Integrated Health Agencies would be required to provide a program similar to the IRIS that would be eliminated. Current long term care districts would have the option of becoming an Integrated Health Agency.

The Income Maintenance Consortium re-estimate was reviewed, including an amount of funding that was transferred to the Joint Committee on Finance supplements appropriation. It was the consensus of the Board to encourage the Joint Committee on Finance to release the funding to the consortiums, as well as recommend to Senator Marklein to ask for the release of these funds as well.

The adult Community Options program will no longer exist in 2016, with the mental health dollars being combined in the basic county allocation, and a new Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) starting in January 2016. The current Family Support Program will no longer exist, and that funding will be transferred to the Children's Community Options Program. This would allow the department to fund and develop community based services for children in the county, filling some of the gaps that currently exist. An example of possible services for a child with mental health issues was given. A Children's Community Options Program advisory board would need to be developed.

### **Public Property and Technology Committee 2016 requests**

The purchase of six computers ( 3 laptop and 3 desktop) and a new postage machine (\$3,348.00) through Public Property was presented. Slinter made a motion to approve the Public Property request as presented, which was seconded by Loy. Motion carried.

### **2016 DSS Budget**

Naatz presented a broad overview of the 2016 budget, with a suggested increase of around \$60,000. This is a very initial budget, with little actual funding amounts provided by the state yet.

### **LEAN Update**

Naatz discussed the Functional Family Case Management model that is being utilized in several counties, several states, and different countries round the world. It is evidence based family program that would bring in that standard of practice that is emphasized in LEAN, and would then allow continuous quality improvement. The model was briefly compared to the Model of Engagement that the department currently uses, and how Functional Family Case Management compares. The child welfare staffs' first impression of it is very favorable, and sees it as a way to provide better services to the families we serve. Given that our "product" is our ability to support change in families, this would be a way to improve our effectiveness with families.

### **Building Update**

Naatz reported on feedback from a pre-insurance inspection of the building and suggested changes that Orchard Manor maintenance is completing. Overall, suggestions were minor and easily fixed; also reported on new sidewalks on southwest corner of building.

### **Income Maintenance Carry-over fund request for Large Conference Room furniture**

It was requested to purchase new tables and chairs for the Board section of the room, comprised of smaller tables that could be moved and utilized during training events. Funding would be from the Income Maintenance Carry-over fund, as IM staff use the room for meetings and trainings often. A motion was made by Ranum, seconded by Beinborn to approve the request up to \$3,000. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**        NONE

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**    NONE

### **ADJOURNMENT`**

At 10:30 AM, a motion was made to adjourn until September 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM by Beinborn, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried

