

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

July 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by John Beinborn at 9:00 A.M.. Roll call was taken with Dwight Nelson, Don Splinter, Greg Fry, Dale Hood and John Beinborn present. Also present were Fred Naatz, Director, Michele Timlin, Office and Financial Coordinator and Bob Keeney, County Board Chair. The meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the order of agenda, seconded by Greg Fry. The motion carried. Greg Fry moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by Don Splinter. The motion carried. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Greg Fry. The motion carried. John Beinborn moved to approve the Director's Report, seconded by Greg Fry. The motion carried.

MINUTES

No changes

PERSONNEL

Social Services is in the process of drafting two lead worker positions for Economic Support and Social Work. The hope is to fill these positions internally. Nancy will build the salaries into the budget and they will work with Joyce Roling to develop position descriptions. Greg asked if CeCe's wages were divided between the seven county consortium since she is working for the consortium. Fred said not at this time as it has never been discussed. It was asked if the consortium could be approached with this idea and agreed that it would be brought back to the August meeting to discuss again. Greg Fry moved to discuss again at the August meeting, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

The child welfare case load standards could result in new staff for Social Work. The child welfare league recommends 10-15 families for workers and currently social workers have 16-18 families. They also recommend that the staff to supervisor ratio be 6:1 and currently it is above that recommendation. Social Services could potentially receive \$250,000 from the state budget which would support a new supervisor and two new social workers but they will not know any more until the budget is passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vouchers

Greg Fry asked about Northwest Passage. Fred stated we are close to being done with this vendor for Residential Care.

Dwight Nelson asked about Culligan expenses. That expense should be eliminated since moved to the new building now.

Also, Southwest Opportunities Center cleaning expense will end now that in the new building.

Fred Naatz noted that DSS now has some additional expense with Airtame that we were not expecting.

Administrative Report

Elder Abuse is projected to be over budget. This is a trend that Social Services is seeing with some abuse being self-inflicted with elderly not taking medications properly.

Training Costs

Family Find is a new five day training that is required by the State of Wisconsin.

Management Report

The Volunteer Banquet was discussed. Fred stated while it is appreciated by those volunteers who attend it is getting expensive. It was suggested that Social Services approach the Grant County Thrift Shop to see if volunteers could be recognized in a different way.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADMINISTRATION

Building Update

Social Services is completely moved into the new building. They hope was to have all items out of the old building by end of day on 7/3/19. County departments have until 7/12/19 to claim any items they want. After that it will open up to Social Services employees and the public. All Social Services office door locks are being replaced as 90% of them have a mechanism that was damaged.

Director's Report

Social Services had 10 children in the CLTS waiver program and they added eight more at the end of June due to the no wait list requirement.

Unified Counseling has a Drug Endangered Program for referrals where parents are using and/or making meth. There might be a need to transport these children from meth families and the concern is if it safe. These children may have meth on them. There is a training in LaCrosse coming up on how can we best provide services to these children.

Fred will be attending a four day training for the DCF Steering Committee to give a louder voice to counties.

Foster Parent Grant Application

Social Services applied for the Foster Parent Grant again but did not receive it. The feeling is that the grant was given to counties who did not receive it last year.

Summary of DCF and DHS budget items

The goal with the budget is to add additional staff and take some burden off of the tax levy.

RMS Surplus Funds

The Random Moment Survey resulted in a bonus of \$124,000 for Grant County. Social Services has spent \$25,000 of this \$124,000 for new computers, keyboards, copy machines, monitors scanners, microwaves, coffee makers, CPU holders and laptop arm attachments. The money needs to be spent by 12/31/19 or it will be added to the general fund. Fred asked for permission to spend the remaining balance on items still needed by Social Services. The board was fine with the purchases made to date but wanted to revisit the remaining balance at the August meeting to discuss the best way to utilize these funds. John Beinborn moved to discuss again at the August meeting, seconded by Greg Fry. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn to August 7, 2019 at 9:30 at the Community Service Building in the Large Conference room, seconded by Dale Hood. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.