

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

August 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by John Beinborn at 9:30 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 Dale Hood. The motion carried. Greg Fry moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2019 meeting and the July 17, 2019 meeting, seconded by Don Splinter. The motion carried. Don Splinter moved to approve the Vouchers, seconded by Dwight Nelson. The motion carried. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the Administrative report, seconded by Greg Fry. The motion carried. Don Splinter moved to approve the Training costs, seconded by Dale Hood. The motion carried.

MINUTES

The July 17, 2019 minutes were corrected to include Fred Naatz as present and the end time of 1:45 P.M. for the meeting was added.

PERSONNEL

Nancy Scott is building the two lead worker positions into the budget. These positions will be filled internally. Bob asked if the consortium would contribute any money for Economic Support wages. Fred explained that Grant County did not contribute much money to the consortium so it would be hard to ask them to contribute any funds since we are so underfunded. Also, duties are split in the consortium with each county taking on additional responsibility. Dwight Nelson moved to take to the Executive Committee for approval, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

With the \$25,000,000 increase in the DCF budget, Fred is anticipating that Grant County will receive around \$250,000. DCF may change how the funding is allocated to base it on the percentage of children in each county living in poverty. John asked how we would get that data for Grant County. There is a telephone conference call at the end of August and Fred is hoping to get more information at that time. We will put this on the September agenda to discuss again.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vouchers

No comments.

Administrative Report

Fred commented on the out of home placements. 75% of Grant County's children placed out of home are due to methamphetamine use by their parents. Even with treatment 95% of these parents relapse. There are potential safety issues with these children going back to their home due to the presence of methamphetamine.

Training Costs

Lemonade for Life was a Trauma Informed Care training attended by a few Service Support Specialists since Grant County is starting a Drug Endangered Children program.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADMINISTRATION

Building Update

75-80 of the office locks have a manufacturing defect so they are in the process of replacing these.

On August 23, 2019 a photographer will be at the new Community Services Building to take photos.

Director's Report

James Schneider from Grant County UW Extension has been working with DSS to create a Strategic Plan. Fred handed out a page of the report to give the board an idea of what DSS does as an agency. Greg thought this was very informative.

Fred attended a four day meeting regarding the OE steering committee to discuss their role. The result was that the steering committee is truly a decision making group and they do have an impact on the decisions being made.

Youth Justice Innovation Grant application

DSS is in the process of applying for this grant which can be up to \$150,000. Greg Fry moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Dwight Nelson. The motion carried.

2020 DSS budget

DSS no longer has any carryover so it is getting more difficult to budget since there are mandatory services that need to be offered but the funding is not always available.

Updated Dress Code policy

Fred noted that the DSS attire was getting too casual so he advised that the employees clean it up or the policy would become strictly business casual with no jeans allowed. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the updated dress code policy, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

7/29/2019 Public Participation Hearing report

No one showed up for the 7/29/2019 meeting. Fred is going to follow up on an issue from the 2018 public participation hearing regarding fetal alcohol syndrome.

RMS Surplus Funds

The Random Moment Survey resulted in a bonus of \$124,000 for Grant County. Social Services has spent \$22,000 of this thus far. Fred asked for permission to spend \$10,968 on items needed by the fuel program, decorations for the walls, Trauma Informed Care Training and the Grant county Social Services lobby sign. Greg Fry moved to approve the purchase of these items and services, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (per Wis. State Statue 19.85 (1)(c)). At 11:06 A.M. Dwight Nelson moved, seconded by Greg Fry to adjourn to closed session. The motion carried. Roll call was taken with Dwight Nelson, Don Splinter, Greg Fry, Dale Hood and John Beinborn present. Also present were Fred Naatz, Director and Bob Keeney, County Board Chair. Dwight Nelson made motion to return to open session at 11:08 A.M., seconded by Greg Fry. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn to September 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Community Service Building in the Large Conference room, seconded by Dale Hood. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM.