

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD
September 4, 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, Bob Keeney, County Board Chair, Jeff Lockhart, Unified Community Services Director, Joyce Roling, Personnel Director and Lori Reid, ADRC Director. Nancy Scott, Financial Director, arrived at 10:30 A.M. 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 August 7, 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. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the Training costs, seconded by Don Splinter. The motion carried.

AGENDA

2020 DSS Budget was moved to the end of ADMINISTRATIVE – GENERAL.

MINUTES

The August 7, 2019 minutes were corrected to “Don **Splinter** moved to approve the training costs” and “go” was changed to “do” under the Director’s Report.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FEDERAL MEDICAL EXPANSION

Juneau County is urging the State legislature to accept the Federal Medicaid expansion dollars made available by the Affordable Care Act. Fred believes this would have a significant impact so he wanted to have a discussion with the board. Accepting Federal Medical expansion dollars would provide coverage to 565 Grant County Wisconsin residents living between 100 and 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Jeff Lockhart explained that Grant County is required to serve people who do not have any insurance. People with mental health and substance abuse issues are 4 times more likely to commit a crime and go to prison. Treatment of these diseases cost 13% of the incarcerated cost so the goal is to get treatment for these families. The more services funded without using county dollars is a positive of this expansion. A negative would be if the State commits to the expansion dollars but at some point it is not 100% federally funded then the county would have to contribute money to serve these people. John Beinborn made a motion to support the Medicaid expansion as stated. Due to lack of support the issue was dropped.

PERSONNEL

With the 2020 DCF Funding increase, DSS would like to use \$70,000 for an additional Social Worker. Greg Fry moved to approve an additional Social Worker position, seconded by Dale Hood. Motion carried.

With the resignation of SSS Tanya Miller, Fred asked to refill this position. Don Splinter moved to refill the SSS position, seconded by Dwight Nelson. Motion carried.

Deb Donald will be retiring effective the end of February, 2020. Fred asked for four months of hands on training for the person replacing Deb. Dwight Nelson moved to approve the training costs, seconded by Greg Fry. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vouchers

No comments.

Administrative Report

Fred stated DSS is over budget for Out of Home Placements. He will be using \$90,000 of the RMS dollars to cover part of these costs.

Training Costs

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Child Welfare Workload Study

Fred stated that WICSA will start compiling data regarding caseloads the middle of year 2020.

Faxing

Fred said that DSS currently does not have a policy on faxing documents for the public. It was decided that DSS would refer the public to the library if they need documents faxed.

ADMINISTRATION

Building Update

The office door locks have been replaced and are functioning properly.

DSS needs a key to lock the lobby door.

Staff is dealing with temperature fluctuations. Fred may consider moving staff around to accommodate temperature needs.

Fred wants to get some coat hooks for the offices.

Doors are closed due to temperature fluctuations but it seems to be causing less staff interactions.

Director's Report

James Schneider from Grant County UW Extension has been working with DSS to create a Strategic Plan. One of the issues that came from this plan is how to prevent methamphetamine use and how to deal with families who are addicted. Fred is meeting with Nate Dreckman, Jeff Lockhart and Jeff Kindrai to discuss what they are seeing. John Beinborn asked Fred to send out an update to the board members after the meeting.

Fred wanted to discuss beeper pay with the board. Currently, Grant County has one of the highest pay for beeper. It was decided to leave the beeper pay for Grant County as is for now.

7/29/2019 Public Participation Hearing report

Nothing more was received from the public.

RMS Surplus Funds and Drug Endangered Children revenue

Both of these funds will be used to supplement the overages in the 2019 budget.

2020 DSS budget

Don Splinter moved to send the DSS budget to the county board, seconded by Dale Hood.
Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (per Wis. State Statue 19.85 (1) (c). At 11:03 A.M. Dale Hood moved, seconded by Dwight Nelson 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, Bob Keeney, County Board Chair and Joyce Roling, Personnel Director. Dwight Nelson made motion to return to open session at 11:05 A.M., seconded by Dale Hood. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn to November 6, 2019 at 9:15 AM at the Community Service Building in the Large Conference room, seconded by Greg Fry. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.