

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
June 13, 2013**

Present: Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, Mary Kim Black, Mark Rogacki, Erv Teichmiller, Kate Gardner, Corinne Hoffmann, Eric Swanson,

Absent/Excused: None

Meeting called to order at 10:16 AM by Chairman Bauman.

Motion made by Bedish, seconded by Rogacki, to approve the agenda as published. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Black, to approve the minutes from May 13th and May 29th, 2013. All voted aye, carried.

Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report

Budget

Budget was passed out to review and sign.

Line Item Transfers

None

Juvenile Intake Training Requests will be attending the Compass training in Antigo on June 20th, 2013 in Antigo. This training is no charge, with no mileage reimbursement.

Motion made by Black, seconded by Bedish, to approve the attendance of this training. All voted aye, carried.

Juvenile Intake Property Requests

None

Review of Juvenile Intake Administrative Vouchers

Items were passed out for review.

WCHSA Human Services Redesign Update – Teichmiller

Teichmiller led a discussion around what the arrival of Managed Care might mean to Vilas County in terms of providing continued support for AODA and Mental Health services through the Human Service Center. Discussion included information about the current status of the Umbrella Statute. While this statute would allow for easier collaboration between counties, it would not make this collaboration mandatory.

Rogacki expressed concern regarding the proposed Umbrella Statute indicating that,

while it might allow for flexibility and voluntary participation the way it was written by WCHSA, there was no way of ensuring it would not be modified once it went from WCHSA to legislators.

Because of the potential impact for all counties, the topic of the Human Services Re-design will be a monthly agenda item.

Emergency Government Table Top

Gardner requested that Teichmiller participate in an Emergency Government table top exercise which Social Services will be doing with several other agencies in the County. Teichmiller is on the Board of two other agencies that are attending the table top (Commission on Aging and the Human Service Center) so is a good choice for this assignment.

Motion made by Bedish and seconded by Rogacki to approve Teichmiller to attend the table top on June 21st, 2013. All voted aye, carried.

Foster Care Crisis Placement Rate Set

Discussion pursued concerning the current rate for the Foster Care Crisis Placement. The last time this was reviewed was in 2002. Gardner suggested raising the rate to \$50.00 per day for the first 5 days, then \$35.00 for the remaining 5 days.

Motion was made by Teichmiller and seconded by Black to raise the rate for the Foster Care Crisis Placement to \$50.00 per day for up to 10 days. All voted aye, carried.

Department of Social Services

A. Monthly Budget and Review:

Monthly budget, monthly vehicle report and expenditure report passed out for review.

B. Projected 2014 Budget & Review:

Hoffmann and Hilger are working on the budget. One item of discussion is Supportive Home Care, which was lowered in 2013 because of inactivity, but was raised to \$30,000.00 on the 2014 because of high activity.

C. Line Item Transfers:

(2) line item transfers were discussed. 1. To move budget for COP Salaries and Benefits to SS Adult Services Salaries and Benefits. 2. To move \$5000.00 from IM Salaries to a Professional IM Services line in order to separate payment of IM personnel help from Iron County. The vouchers from Iron County include the benefits and space charged out.

Motion made by Black and seconded by Teichmiller to approve line item transfers. All voted aye, carried.

D. Property:

Gardner received pre-approval from Bauman to approach the Property Committee with a request to utilize the old Veterans Service Secretary's office for WHEAP. Property approved this request and WHEAP will be moved to that space. The current WHEAP office space will be used for short-term LTE's that may be needed during the period that people will be helped to enter the Federal Health Care Marketplace. After this period, it is anticipated that the space will be utilized for client teleconferencing for child care cases as the Consortium is currently dialoging with the State regarding piloting childcare.

DSS Directors Report:

Gardner advised that the Child Protection Unit has received increased Child Protective Service reports which appear related to the State of Emergency in Lac du Flambeau. Gardner indicates it is her understanding that Tribal government is working to crack down on designer drugs which has indirectly led to more reports and child removals.

Rogacki inquired if it was possible to have a representative from the Tribe talk with the Board about the State of Emergency. Bauman indicated he would see if a representative from the Lac du Flambeau tribe would be willing to attend the next board meeting.

Gardner provided an update on the initiation of the Federal Healthcare Marketplace. State will be providing dollars to cover the costs of overtime for existing employees as well as LTE's. However, the Consortium is waiting to hear from the State with regards to carry-over of these funds to cover potential unemployment claims.

Gardner indicated that one of the issues within the Consortium is the issue of how to ensure partner equity. Currently, there is some imbalance with certain counties putting in more Full Time Equivalency (FTE) hours than the percentage of clients served from their counties. Vilas has not had trained staff available and is currently contracting with other counties within the Consortium to pick up some of its FTE, but this is not a lot. Even at full staff (3FTE) Vilas will have about 6 % of the FTE's and 8% of the Consortium caseload. The Consortium will continue to explore ways to mitigate the partner inequities.

Due to the amount of training it takes to get an IM worker to the point that they can be fully functional as well as finding ways to retain them, Gardner indicated it may be wise to conduct a wage survey of the Northern Income Maintenance Counties to see where Vilas pay rates fall.

Review of DSS Administrative Vouchers

Motion made by Teichmiller, seconded by Black, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), for considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility (Income Maintenance Lead Worker Vacancy). All voted aye, carried.

Motion made by Teichmiller, seconded by Black, to return to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(c). All voted aye, carried.

Action taken during closed session: Motion made by Teichmiller, seconded by Bedish, to approve Lead Income Maintenance worker position to be filled by Sandra Hulce. All voted aye, carried.

Motion made by Teichmiller and seconded by Bedish to authorize Gardner to advertise for Income Maintenance Position. All voted aye, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013, at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Black , to adjourn. All voted aye, carried.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Hoffmann, Subject to committee approval.