

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
August 8, 2011**

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Present: Al Bauman, Chris Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Leon Kukanich, Erv Teichmiller, Steve Favorite, Martha Milanowski, Kathryn Gardner, Debb Varro, Robert Rickard, Kelly Von Oepen, Joe Fortmann.

Absent/Excused: None

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Bauman.

Roll call taken.

**Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the agenda discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All voting aye, carried.**

**Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Teichmiller, to approve the July 11, 2011 minutes. All voting aye, carried.**

**Approval of Juvenile Intake Administrative Vouchers**

**Motion by Mayer, seconded by Nielsen, to approve Juvenile Intake Administrative Vouchers. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report**

**Budget**

The cost savings in July was \$539.80 for using a county car versus paying employee mileage. Rickard handed out referrals for July 2010 and 2011 which were 200 and 129 respectively.

Rickard informed the Board he had figures for the 2012 Tentative Budget which was due to the Finance Committee today. He based the 2012 tentative budget on the 2011 figures.

Rickard also presented the Board with July 2011 Statistics as types of Crimes, Sex, and Age Group of Juvenile Intake clients.

Rickard presented the Board with the Contract and the name change from Lincoln Hills to Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Schools. **Motion to renew contract by Teichmiller, seconded by Kukanich. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Line Item Transfers**

None.

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#### **Training Requests**

1. WJCIA Conference in Wisconsin Dells September 22-24 for 3 employees. **Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Kukanich. All voting aye. Carried.**

#### **Property Requests**

Rickard brought back the subject of bullet-proof vests. He presented a quote for \$3200 for 4 employees from Advantage Police Supply. The first draft on policy for the vests is in Corporation Counsel Office at this time. There was much discussion on the purchase of the vests. **,Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Kukanich to forward to Finance Committee. Bauman, Mayer, Nielsen, and Kukanich voting aye. Teichmiller voting nay. Motion carried.**

#### **DSS Budget Report**

Varro informed Board that there are no 2012 allocations available from the State at this time with the exception of Youth Aids which was cut 5% in 2011 and 10% in 2012. 2012 Salary and fringes are unknown so 2011 rates were used. 2011 State allocations were used for expected revenues. Income Maintenance Consortium details are unknown at this time. The County Board will have to decide whether to keep the program or opt out. Varro asked Board to help find an additional \$47,000 County dollars to cut from the tentative 2012 budget. Discussion. \$35,000 County Community Options Program dollars and \$17,000 Income Maintenance county monies were cut so a zero dollar increase can be forwarded to the Finance Committee today.

#### **Line Item Transfers**

None.

#### **DSS Property Requests**

No requests.

#### **DSS Training Requests**

1. Two CPS Workers to attend Case Planning with Children & Youth with Attachment Issues November 9<sup>th</sup> at New Partnership in Weston.
2. Preapproved by Chairman Bauman Social Services Aid to attend eWISACWIS Financial Superuser meeting in Washburn August 2, 2011.
3. Director and one CPS social worker to the "Art of Supervision in Engaging and Interviewing" training in Fon du Lac September 8-9, 2011.
4. Director and one CPS social worker to safety training in Weston August 10-11, 2011.
5. One admin and one CPS social worker to Kinship Care Training in Wausau October 27, 2011.
6. Two IM workers to DCF Training Sessions on Child Care Provider Suspensions and Appeals in Rhinelander on August 16, 2011.

**Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Nielsen to approve training as presented. All voting aye, carried.**

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### **DSS Director's Report**

Teichmiller and Fortmann gave an update on the ADRC status along with handouts.

Gardner gave an update on the Income Maintenance Consortium. Vilas has met with three possible consortiums – Brown, Marathon, and Northern Region made up of the small rural counties to the west and north of Marathon. The County also has the option of opting out of the Consortium. Although there are many unanswered questions on how and if the Consortium model will work, Vilas County has to decide which Consortium they intend to start planning with in an effort to answer these questions. Gardner feels that the Northern Rural Counties Consortium is the best fit. Kelly Von Oepen, DD Coordinator from the Human Service Center spoke about the benefit of talking directly to our Economic Support Department when they need help with benefits for their waiver clients so they can bill Medicaid. Following lengthy discussion Chairman Bauman directed Gardner to draft a resolution for the full County Board allowing Vilas to enter into the planning phase of Consortium formation with the Northern Consortium. Bauman also directed Gardner to prepare a Letter of Intent, to be signed by him following full Board approval of the planning resolution, informing the State and WCHSA that Vilas was entering the planning phase with the Northern Consortium.

Gardner gave copies of the Annual Report. **Motion by Mayer, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Vilas County Department of Social Services Annual Report for 2010. All voting aye, carried.**

### **Approval of DSS Administrative Vouchers**

**Motion by Mayer, seconded by Nielsen, to approve the DSS Administrative Vouchers. All voting aye. Carried.**

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, September 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM in Conference Room #2.**

**Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. Adjournment at 11:00 AM.**