

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

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Present: Alden Bauman, Mary Kim Black, Mark Rogacki, Erv Teichmiller, Kate Gardner, Jason Hilger, Corinne Hoffmann, Eric Swanson, Janna Kahl

Absent/Excused: Maynard Bedish

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Bauman.

**Motion made by Teichmiller, seconded by Black, to approve the agenda as published. All voted aye, carried.**

**Motion by Rogacki, seconded by Teichmiller, to approve the minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> 2013. All voted aye, carried.**

**Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report**

Swanson advised that he and Hilger have been discussing the Juvenile Intake Department's vehicle needs. A brief discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of buying versus leasing. Hilger advised he will be discussing the lease/buy option for vehicles for the County departments at the property meeting.

Swanson advised that he will be off of work on paternity leave for the next 2 weeks.

There is a meeting scheduled in Lac du Flambeau on May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ noon for the drug wellness court at the law enforcement center in Lac du Flambeau. Bauman urged attendance by those who were able.

**Budget**

None

**Line Item Transfers**

None

**Juvenile Intake Training Requests**

None

**Juvenile Intake Property Requests**

None

**Review of Juvenile Intake Administrative Vouchers**

Items were passed out for review.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> Organizational Effectiveness Update**

Gardner indicated that the UW Partnership will be helping to identify graduates interested in rural practice. Strategies were identified through the O.E. process that could lead to development of a regional recruitment model.

### **WCHSA Spring Conference and Human Services Redesign Update – Teichmiller**

Teichmiller updated other Board Members on the information presented at the WCHSA Spring Conference regarding Human Service Redesign including the requested county vote regarding the proposed Umbrella Statute. Teichmiller recommended that the Board consider voting to support WCHSA moving this forward for input from essential stakeholders and making revisions based on that feedback. Revisions will be brought back to WCHSA for final approval before submission to the Legislative Reference Bureau. Gardner provided additional information, explaining that the Umbrella Statute gave counties more flexibility in the collaborative process than the existing 66.01 statute. Rogacki expressed concern that once the WCHSA version of the Umbrella Statute went through the Legislative processes, there was no guarantee that it could not receive substantial change. Teichmiller noted that this was not a final vote, but just moved the process forward the next step. Discussion ensued. A vote was called by Chairman Bauman and the Board gave Gardner the authority to vote yes with a 4 to 1 vote, Rogacki voting Nay.

Teichmiller also provided an update from the WCHSA Spring Conference on the new Federal Healthcare Marketplace. Gardner advised that implementation of this will place a sizeable burden on the already taxed Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. Gardner reported that the State will be providing extra funding, on a short-term basis, to manage this workload which should start in October and, by State projections end in December 2013. The funding is to pay overtime for existing employees and/or to add LTE's. Because the Northern Consortium does not want to take on responsibility for things like Workman's Comp or Unemployment, the plan is to utilize a Temp service where employees are leased and the temp services retains these responsibilities. The Board advised Gardner she could proceed with the Consortium plan based on the additional funding that would become available to pay for short-term LTE's.

### **Tri-County Directors Meeting with HSC Strategic Planning Committee Update – Gardner**

Gardner reported that the Social Service Directors from Forest, Vilas and Oneida were invited to give feedback to the Tri-County Human Services Strategic Planning Committee on 5/6/13. Dave Bast, exiting Director of Tri-County Human Services was also present. Feedback requested included: Social Services Director priorities as they pertain to Tri-County Human Services, and what the role of each of the three county social services departments should be in the transition process should Family Care become a reality for the current unaffiliated counties. Discussion ensued regarding the dialog at this meeting.

Gardner passed out relevant information regarding elder abuse in Wisconsin and stressed that it was an issue that needed recognition. Board members previously received proposed National Elder Abuse Day resolution in Board packet

**Motion made by Rogacki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black, to proclaim June 15, 2013 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Vilas County. Motion carried.**

**Cost Allocation Policy**

Gardner presented new cost allocation policy and discussion ensued. Hilger indicated he had reviewed and approved as to form.

**Motion made by Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black, to accept the new cost allocation policy as written. Motion carried.**

**Administrative Secretary A Position Description for approval**

Kahl brought forth new description for the Administrative Secretary A position. Kahl indicated that she and Gardner made significant changes to the description as well as streamlined the format for easier viewing.

**Motion made by Teichmiller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black to approve as written. Motion carried.**

**IM funding letter from County Board Chair, Steve Favorite, to area Legislatures and State Joint Committee**

Gardner explained that the Northern IM Consortium counties were originally intending to bring a resolution to their respective county boards that urged the legislature to fund all IM consortiums at 83% rather than the unequal distribution of funding caused by the caseload funding methodology. However, because the legislators were moving more quickly than anticipated, the Northern Income Maintenance Counties were asked to have their County Board Chairman sign the letter Gardner provided in their Board packet.

**Motion made by Teichmiller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogacki to convene in closed session. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Teichmiller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black to return to open session. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Teichmiller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black to move forward to fill APS vacancy left by Low taking CPS/APS Supervisor Position.**

**No action taken on flex time request. Board advised Gardner and Kahl to make determination in the best interest of the department.**

### **Department of Social Services Report**

Gardner advised that the Protective Placement Line Item, which has been significantly reduced in the last couple of budgets due to not being used, is currently overspent. Discussion ensued with Hilger giving feedback related to utilizing the Social Services Contingency Fund to reconcile this overage at the end of this budget cycle.

Hilger discussed the 2014 budget and what he will need to from the department to begin his projections.

### **Line Item Transfers**

None

### **Property**

Discussion about a laptop for Gardner to use when out of office. Board members agreed this was a good idea and instructed Gardner to work with Hoffmann to see where the dollars for this could be taken from.

### **Review of DSS Administrative Vouchers**

None

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 AM.**

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

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Hoffmann, Subject to committee approval.