

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
April 9, 2009**

Present: Al Bauman, Chris Mayer, Erv Teichmiller, Emil Bakka, Leon Kukanich, Debb Varro, Greg Schiek, Bob Rickard, Gerri Stone, Denise Wildcat and Terry Hoyt.

Absent/Excused: None

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman Bauman.

Roll call taken.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the agenda as published. Carried.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bakka, to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Administrative Vouchers-Juvenile Intake

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to approve Juvenile Intake Administrative Vouchers. Carried.

Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report

Rickard indicated there were 38 referrals for the month of March; he also indicated his budget was okay at this time. Rickard requested approval for a lap-top computer for his Intensive Supervision Worker. He had three quotes as requested at last months meeting.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the purchase of a lap-top computer for \$1,318.13. Carried.

DSS Budget Report

Schiek passed out two line item transfers; the first was a transfer of \$750.00 from Income Maintenance Training to Income Maintenance Overhead to cover advertising costs associated with hiring. The other was to transfer money to cover substitute care costs.

Mayer indicated at budget time when the Substitute Care money was cut he said he would support putting the money back in the budget when necessary.

Schiek indicated he thought the line item transfer for Substitute Care will basically be covered by the full county board resolution that he presented to the Board for signatures.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Teichmiller, to sign and forward to the Finance Committee the resolution to transfer \$200,000 from Social Services Account to Substitute Care. Carried.

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Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bakka, to transfer \$750.00 from Income Maintenance Training to Income Maintenance Overhead and forward request to Finance. Carried.

Schiek also passed out a year-end end budget and pointed out areas that return to the general fund. Teichmiller asked about money unspent. Discussion.

Schiek also passed out the Monthly Budget Report and pointed out they should have received the Final Substitute Care Report. Schiek indicated he was concerned that the transfer of \$200,000 to Substitute Care won't be enough.

DSS Property Requests

None

DSS Training Requests

1. Three Child Protection Social Workers to attend the 6th Annual Mental Health Conference in Siren, Wisconsin, on April 22nd and 23rd.
2. One Economic Support Worker to attend the Association of National Eligibility Workers Conference in Mosinee on April 30th.
3. One Child Protection Social Worker to attend "Forensic Interview Training: the Step-Wise Interview Guidelines (239)" from May 18th through the 20th in Wausau.
4. Bookkeeper A and Financial Manager to attend "Wisconsin Personal Services Association" Conferences on June 18th and 19th, September 10th and 11th, and December 3rd and 4th in Wisconsin Dells.
5. Two Adult Social Workers to attend "Sex, Drugs & Rock n' Roll: Addiction, Compulsion and Craving", in Wausau on June 1st.
6. Director to attend "Using Data for Informed Decision Making" on May 7th, in Wausau. (This would be instead of the WCHSA Conference).

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bakka, to approve the trainings as presented. Carried.

DSS Personnel

Schiek reviewed the status of hiring the 5th Economic Support worker. Bauman reiterated his position that he didn't want to interview more than eight candidates. After discussion Bauman indicated he thought the Board should interview the individuals who score over 90 on the test up to eight individuals.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bakka, to interview candidates who score over 90 up to eight candidates; otherwise the highest eight over 90. Carried.

The committee heard a presentation at the request of Teichmiller by Terri Hoyt, Gerri Stone, and Denise Wildcat of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe on the relationship between Social Services and the Tribe.

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DSS Administrative Vouchers

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the Social Services Administrative Vouchers. Carried.

DSS Director's Report

Schiek indicated he was invited to the Family Care/Managed Care Organization meeting coming up in Rhinelander by Gerry Born, the facilitator of the Rhinelander Committee.

Schiek also indicated at a recent Regional Director's meeting the discussion centered on the future and restructuring and re-organizing of Human Service/Social Services Departments Langlade and Lincoln County presented on their re-organization efforts.

Schiek also updated the board on potentially having an LTE help out in Economic Support.

Bakka indicated Schiek should combine Minutes and Agendas so there are fewer mailings. Mayer indicated the minutes could be sent out with next month's agenda. Schiek indicated he would make those changes. Discussion.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 14th, 2009, at 9:30 AM

Motion by Kukanich, seconded by Teichmiller, to adjourn. Carried.