

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
July 14, 2009**

Present: Leon Kukanich, Emil Bakka, Erv Teichmiller, Al Bauman, Chris Mayer, Greg Schiek and Bob Rickard.

Absent/Excused: None

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

Roll call taken.

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

Motion by Bakka, seconded by Kukanich, to approve the June 12, 2009 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Administrative Vouchers-Juvenile Intake

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

Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report

Rickard indicated there were 6 referrals for the month of June; he also indicated his budget was in good shape. Bauman indicated he had never seen so few referrals. He noted the referrals were running so high it was great to see a lower level. Rickard indicated it's nice to get some relief. Rickard also indicated the new GPS electronic units really work great; providing a verbal reminder when the subject strays to an area they aren't supposed to be in.

Rickard had no Property or Training requests.

DSS Budget Report

Schiek passed out the Monthly Budget Report and indicated there were no significant areas of concern. Teichmiller asked about the Elder Abuse dollars and why that line showed it was going to be over budget, also he asked where those dollars come from. Schiek indicated they are grant dollars from the Northern Area on Aging, it's about \$12,000. Vilas DSS is the lead agency in Elder Abuse and Adult-At-Risk Abuse; and the money has been spent early because of crisis cases. There is the potential some money will be paid back when property is sold through a guardian. Discussion.

Schiek passed out the Safe and Stable Families Report indicating the various groups receiving funds from the program. He also indicated he thought the After-school Programs may be the place to start cutting. Some programming could be continued through CY 2010 with current CY 2009 Carryover, but all IV-E dollars are supposed to be spent at the end of CY 2010. Discussion.

DSS Property Requests

None

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DSS Training Requests

- 1) One Children's Social Worker to attend "Great Lakes Native American Conference" August 3rd through the 5th in Green Bay.

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

DSS Personnel

Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Bakka, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body exercises responsibility. (Review absenteeism situation and performance evaluation) Carried.

Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Bakka, to adjourn closed session and return to open session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c). Carried.

Chairman Bauman indicated the board doesn't need to recommend any action at this time.

DSS Administrative Vouchers

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

DSS Director's Report

Schiek indicated he participated in a meeting with Oneida County board members and staff of the newly formed ADRC/Family Care Committee in Oneida County. Teichmiller questioned the need to establish a Family Care Committee at the same time as our ADRC Committee.

Schiek also indicated he wanted to have a training policy that would limit the overnight trainings to no more than three per year and also limit Sunday travel. Schiek indicated when comp time from Sunday travel is figured in; it may represent an additional day out of the office which put a premium on the value of the training.

Mayer indicated he thought that was reasonable and if Schiek brought a policy for signature he didn't see a problem. Discussion.

Schiek updated the board on the hiring of a new Economic Support Specialist.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 14, 2009, at 9:30 AM

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