

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES
September 16, 2009**

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

Absent/Excused: None

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

Roll call taken.

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

Motion by Kukanich, seconded by Bakka, to approve the August 14, 2009 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Administrative Vouchers-Juvenile Intake

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

Juvenile Intake Supervisor's Report

Rickard indicated there were 24 referrals for the month of August. Bauman noted the increase in referrals. Bakka asked about reasons for increases. Rickard indicated gangs seem to be a serious problem on the reservation. Bauman expressed his concern about the increasing gang activity; he noted he thought the economy was an influencing factor. He also noted the selling of prescription drugs is a problem. Teichmiller noted the Tribal Concerns Committee influence is positive. Bauman indicated communication is improving.

Rickard presented his 2010 proposed budget with the 5% decrease built in. Discussion.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Kukanich, to approve Juvenile Intake's proposed 2010 Budget. Carried.

Mayer directed Rickard to get the numbers together to see if it may be a cost savings to provide the Intensive Supervision Worker with a used Sheriff's Department automobile. Mayer indicated the amount they receive at auction for these vehicles is very low. Discussion.

Juvenile Intake had no Property or Training requests.

DSS Budget Report

Schiek indicated the department received budget instructions for 2010. He indicated he presumed the 5% cut was for county levy dollars, not state and federal contract dollars. He indicated the department Financial Manager was seeking clarification from the Finance

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Committee. He indicated it wouldn't be productive to cut state and federal funds. Mayer agreed and indicated he didn't think that was the case.

Schiek also informed the committee about contacts he made to meet the requirements outlined in a recent memo from the Corporation Counsel. He contacted Oneida County Financial and Vilas County's Payroll, Benefit and Accounts Payable Coordinator. Schiek indicated he could meet the mandate on a quarterly basis. He will bring all contract addendums to the Social Services Board for approval on a quarterly basis and then forward to Finance and then to full board resolution if necessary. Schiek indicated this is similar to how Oneida County handles addendums and is the only way it could work without doing 15 separate county board resolutions.

The board indicated this seemed like an appropriate way to handle it; however Teichmiller asked why this is necessary; it seemed like an additional burden. Mayer indicated there may be conditions on additional money that the board may need to know. Schiek indicated our addendums are different than on-going grant conditions. It's just additional funds, for example a recent Income Maintenance Addendum was for increase caseloads and was connected to Stimulus Funds. Discussion.

Schiek informed the board about a Cooperative MOU Agreement the agency has with Oneida County to provide outreach Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance in the Minocqua/Woodruff/Arbor Vitae area.

Mayer brought up the furlough concept to save money in 2010. Schiek indicated there was a discussion at a recent department head meeting concerning furlough. Bauman indicated he wants to see what funds are available before approving furloughs. Schiek indicated it's important for the board to know in Social Services many positions are funded almost entirely with state and federal funds so the savings would be minimal. Discussion.

DSS Property Requests

None

DSS Training Requests

None

DSS Personnel

Schiek indicated he hired the LTE (Limited Term Employee) to help out with the front-end during the upcoming heating season.

DSS Administrative Vouchers

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

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Director's Report

Teichmiller updated the board on the ADRC Planning Committee. Bauman Noted Teichmiller, Schiek, and Joe Fortmann (Commission on Aging) were Appointed to that committee. Discussion.

Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2009, at 9:30 AM

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