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## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Joint Social Services and Veterans Committee Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
**Time:** 3:30 PM  
**Location:** County Board Room, Lower level of the Safety Building

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. The meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman McDougal
2. Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence as final recognition is given to fallen Veterans.

SOCIAL SERVICES & VETERANS COMMITTEE			
Name	Role	Status	
Bruce McDougal	Chairman	Present	
Andrew Bauknecht	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Joel Wagner	Member	Present	
Teresa Poltrock	Member	Present	
Carol Bardo	Member	Present	
Non-Committee Members Present			
Name	Interest	Name	Interest
John Zenkovich	Director of Health & DSS	Jason Hilger	County Administrator
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Rec. Secretary		

3. Recognize members to be excused:
4. **Approve previous meeting minutes of September 10, 2024:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Poltrock to approve the previous meeting minutes of September 10, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Review the Veterans Office budget:** The Committee received a copy of the budget before the meeting. Information only.
6. **Veterans Office Update:** The Committee received a written report prior to the meeting. The Veterans Officer was not in attendance.
7. **Review the Social Services budget:** Health and DSS Director Zenkovich stated the overall budget is on track. Zenkovich stated some line items may go over budget but as a whole, the budget will be on track. Zenkovich stated the Youth Justice Budget will go over budget due to out-of-home placement costs. County Administrator Hilger stated there is a contingency fund to cover any overages up to a certain amount. Information only.
8. **Correspondence and Reports:**
  - a. **Updates from Youth Justice:** Health and DSS Director Zenkovich discussed the written report given to the Committee before the meeting. Zenkovich stated YTD there have been 65 Langlade County Youth Justice Referrals. The current caseload is 32 with 11 cases awaiting court. Discussion was held on the number of youths in placements and the cost of each placement. Per the report: 1 youth at secure detention at \$210 per day; 1 youth at secure detention at \$160 per day; 1 youth at Rawhide at \$773 per day; 1 youth at NW Passage at \$890 per day, 1 youth at Chileda at \$726-\$804 per day; 1 youth at 180 Program (secure detention) at \$425 per day, 1 youth at a Tennessee Facility at \$750 per day. Information only.

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- b. Updates from Child Protective Services:** Health and DSS Director Zenkovich discussed the written CPS report given to the Committee before the meeting. Zenkovich stated there are currently 51 out-of-home placements with 3 cases closing at the end of the year. As of October 31, 2024, the Community Case Manager numbers show 11 open assessments (6 active, 5 engagement). Zenkovich stated the Community Case Manager position has been a proven success. Information only.
  - c. Update from Economic Support and Energy Assistance:** Health and DSS Director Zenkovich discussed the Economic Support and Energy Assistance written report given to the Committee before the meeting. Zenkovich stated the 2025 Energy Assistance Program began on October 1, 2024. Zenkovich stated disconnections begin on April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Zenkovich discussed the Economic Support numbers. Zenkovich stated it is important to remember all Economic Support and Energy Assistance funding is Federal and State. Zenkovich stated he received a resignation letter for an Economic Support worker. Zenkovich will work with HR on filling the vacancy. Information only.
- 9. New Business**
- a. Proposed Rate Change Lincoln Hills:** Health and DSS Director Zenkovich stated at the Northern Directors Meeting it was discussed that the Department of Corrections Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills will be asking for a \$1,000 per day increase to the current fee. Zenkovich asks the Committee to voice their concern to the Representative of the Joint Finance Committee. This increase is not feasible for any County to afford. Zenkovich discussed how out-of-home placements are determined, stating it is what is best for the youth, funding is not a factor in placements.
- 10. Old Business:** None
- 11. County Administrator Update:** County Administrator Hilger stated Zenkovich covered the budget. Revenue is solid, expenditures have 81% spent. Hilger stated that Zenkovich and himself stay in close communication over the budget. Hilger stated in past discussions it was discussed to add another Youth Worker. Hilger wanted the Committee to be aware that options are still being considered. Information only.
- 12. Referrals and Recommendations for the next meeting:** Supervisor J. Wagner would like to make a referral for ADRC to move out of the Health Care Center and into the Senior Center. J. Wagner feels this would better serve the aging population in Langlade County. Discussion held. J. Wagner will reach out to the Senior Center Director for her opinion. Information only.
- 13. Set the next meeting:** January 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the County Board Room.
- 14. Adjourn meeting:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Bauknecht to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:  
Becky Rank Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary