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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: **Department of Social Services**
Date: **Monday, September 11th, 2017**
Time: **11:00 a.m.**
Location: **Health Service Center Board Room, 1225 Langlade Rd., Antigo WI 54409**

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

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Reminder to silence cell phones
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. Roll call was conducted

DSS COMMITTEE		
Name	Role	Status
Robert Benishek	Committee Member	Present
Richard Hurlbert	Committee Member	Present
Holly Matucheski	Chair	Present
Joe Novak	Committee Member	Present
Vern Cahak	Committee Member	Present

Non-Committee Members Present	
Name	Interest
Ron Barger	Director Health & Social Services
Sheila Rine	Administrative Assistant
Tracy Chernetski	CFS Supervisor
Craig Hotchkiss	Juvenile Court Intake Worker
Karen Hegranes (Part of the mtg)	Health Officer
Brad Huempfner	FSET Worker

5. Approve previous meeting minutes (August 14th, 2017). Motion by Benishek, seconded by Cahak to approve the minutes from August 14th, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas - None
7. Bills were reviewed.
8. FSET Program Update – Huempfner gave an update on the FSET program. He has been with the program for over 5 ½ months. The services FSET offers revolves around employment and training. If an applicant qualifies, there are opportunities where FSET can help provide funding to pay for the program, if the program is a semester or less. (CNA class, CDL

training, etc.) Huempfner will be starting a job club this Wednesday to help get individuals employment by helping them with their resumes, etc. Handouts were reviewed and discussed. Due to increased community need, there will be an additional part-time FSET person starting in October. Overall, food share numbers are lowering due to people getting jobs.

9. Correspondence and Reports:
   a. Update from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – Barger read Patsy Rolo's report. Langlade is now fully staffed with 6 ES workers, however, Heather is still in training and will not be considered as a worker to process apps, etc. until Jan. 1, 2018. Approximately 300 Energy Assistance short apps were mailed out to potential clients who met certain criteria the end of August. Applications are due back by Oct. 31st. Our office will start taking calls to schedule appointments on Sept. 20th with appointments starting Oct. 2nd. Pamphlets and informational sheets were passed around.
   b. Update from Children and Family Services – Chernetski passed around her report. 40 access reports received with 16 screened in and 24 screened out. Continued need for foster care homes in Langlade County. If you or someone you know is interested in foster care, please call our office. Cahak stated there was an article in the WI Counties magazine regarding foster care and the need even statewide. Benishek suggested advertising in Church bulletins. There is a need to process applications faster that continues to be worked on. Chernetski stated she will have 4 out of her 8 staff out between October – February due to pregnancies. Therefore, the workload will shift as workers take leave.
   c. Update from Juvenile Justice – Hotchkiss passed around his report and this was reviewed.
   d. Legislative Update – Barger mentioned he is watching DHS Proposal #38 that would potentially affect the FSET program. Everyone that wants to qualify for certain entitlement programs will have to have a drug test done. This may impact the department finances and staff time.

10. Directors Report and Personnel Update – Barger mentioned there were 43 applications received for the shared clerical position. Interviews will be set-up by HR. Barger informed the committee that he accepted a part-time position at EVM working 2 night shifts a week. This will not interfere with his position here.

11. Old Business:
    a. Vehicle replacement for department use – Barger stated we have a 2016 Town and Country vehicle that Doug Nonnemacher worked with Brickners to purchase. .
    b. T.A.D. Meetings – Hegranes reviewed who has been attending the TAD meetings. NCHC gave an overview of the services they have to offer and are looking at offering day treatment opportunities in Langlade County. They are currently in the process of hiring over 30 people including a crisis intervention person for Langlade County. Their in-patient 21 day program currently has 6 beds but that will increase to 15 bed by January 1st. At any given time, Hegranes stated they have over 150 individuals on a waiting list. Reminded everyone that support services must be in place before TAD can begin.

12. New Business
    a. Conference and Workshop attendance for staff and/or committee members - Motion by Benishek, seconded by Hurlbert to allow any member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. All ayes. Motion carried.
    b. Update on Action Alliance activities – Barger informed the committee that several community members will be attending the Strengthening Families training next week in WI Rapids. Action Alliance is helping to cover some of the cost for this.
13. Referrals and Recommendations for the next meeting – None.
14. Set date for next regular meeting: October 9th, 2017 at the Health Service Center Board Room at 10:00 AM.
15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Hurlbert, seconded by Novak to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant