

Unofficial
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Social Services Committee Meeting
Minutes August, 23 2016
Corrected 9/27/16

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Arlene Kodl.

PRESENT: William Neville, Frieda Rollins, Arlene Kodl and Art Petke

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Kernan and Suzanne Lindenman

ABSENT: ~~Check~~ Chuck Rueth

Meeting Minutes: Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated July 19, 2016. Motion to approve July 19, 2016 meeting minutes by Rollins; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Disbursements: Kernan followed up on questions from the July meeting. Committee reviewed the June 2016 Expense Report. Motion to approve the July 2016 disbursements by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote.

2017 Budget Review: Kernan reviewed the 2017 Budget for the Department of Social Services. Kernan explained that it is difficult to anticipate placements, which is the largest cost for the department. Motion to approve 2017 Budget and to forward to the Office of Finance by Neville; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Staff Updates: Kernan informed the Committee that a new Economic Support Assistant was hired and will be starting on September 5, 2016. Kernan also informed the committee that the department had a resignation of a new Economic Support Assistant. Kernan indicated that there is a problem with WREA turnover. Kernan indicated that she is working with the WREA Directors on a job satisfaction/exit interview, in hopes to make needed changes to decrease turnover. Motion to approve hire of an Economic Support Assistant to replace the recent designated position by Rollins; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried. Kernan explained that the In-Home Safety Grant ended for Clark County. Kernan shared the In-Home Safety Provider/Family Support Workers appreciation email to the department.

2016 Budget: Kernan reviewed the quarterly 2016 budget and current placement list. Motion to receive and file budget and placement list by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Department Organizational Chart: Kernan reviewed the most updated Department Organizational Chart. Kernan also reviewed employee's years of service with the Committee.

Wisconsin Counties-Transit Plays a Key Role in Wisconsin's Infrastructure: Kernan shared an article from February 2016, highlighting Clark County as having a county wide transit system. Kernan shared the importance of transportation in an "aging in place community."

All Agency Meeting: Kernan informed the Committee that QPR training will not be the training for the All-Staff. Kernan informed that Committee that Wisconsin is expanding the Wisconsin Trauma Project statewide. Kernan plans on reaching out to the counties that received the grant for the Wisconsin Trauma Project, in hopes to move Clark County forward in becoming a Trauma Informed Agency. Motion to approve Kernan to move the department forward in becoming a Trauma Informed Agency by Kodl; second by Petke. Voice vote. Rollins opposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kernan shared information about the new homeless shelter in Loyal called the House of Mercy. The House of Mercy will serve as a transition shelter and homeless shelter for women and children. Lindenman shared details on the upcoming 2016 Family Fun Fest, which is scheduled to occur on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Greenwood High School. Neville had questions about persons on FoodShare and having the ability to buy horses.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2016 at 9:30 am, RM 305.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried. Rollins is excused from September meeting.

Minutes Submitted by: Suzanne Lindenman

Arlene Kodl, Secretary

Suzanne Lindenman, Business Office Manager

