

Unofficial
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Social Services Committee Meeting
Minutes September 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Chuck Rueth.

PRESENT: Chuck Rueth, William Neville, Arlene Kodl and Art Petke

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Kernan, Suzanne Lindenman

Excused: Frieda Rollins

Meeting Minutes: Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated August 23, 2016 with corrections. Motion to approve as corrected by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

New Staff Introductions: Economic Support Workers, Timothy Wells and Larrisa Garbisch were introduced to the Committee.

Disbursements: Committee reviewed the August 2016 Expense Report. Motion to approve the August 2016 disbursements by Neville; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried. Rueth reminded us to add the resolution regarding the Block Grant with Community Services and Social Services to be added to the October Agenda for approval and then forward on for the November County Board Meeting.

Kernan informed the committee about the 2016 Public Child Welfare and eWisacwis Conference that is coming up on October 11th and 12th. Pam indicated that the conference breakout sessions include: Building a Trauma Informed Agency, Developing Employee Resilience and Engaging Workers through Motivational Interviewing. Kernan indicated that she will be sending one of the Children and Family Supervisors.

WREA Updates: Kernan spoke on the amount of turnover in WREA staff at the Clark County level. A survey was completed and outcomes were shared with the WREA Directors. Kernan reviewed the WREA Director's meeting minutes and informed them of the next meeting on October 4, 2016. Rueth directed Kernan to keep County Board Chairman Hendrickson informed so he is aware of the overall issues.

Kernan informed the committee about the opportunity for Clark County to add a new IM position. Kernan informed the committee that the idea of bring a new position will benefit the

County in several ways including approximately \$60,000 for salary and fringe. Kernan indicated the only issue with bringing in a new position would be office space that would require another \$3,500 or so to add an additional office. Motion to approve the WREA new position opportunity by Petke; second by Kodl. Voice vote. Motion carried. Kodl questioned if Personnel would need to approve the hire of a new county position, Kernan indicated that she will follow-up with Personnel.

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

s85.21 and 5311 Grant: Lindenman informed the committee about the success of the Volunteer Driver Banquet which was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Disbursement of the 2017, 5311 Management Plan portion of the grant was reviewed and given to the committee members. Kernan reviewed funding for both the s85.21 Grant and the 5311 Grant. The s85.21 Grant is due in December and the 5311 Grant is due October 14, 2016. Motion to approve the submission of the 5311 Grant by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

All Agency Meeting: Kernan informed the committee that Trauma Informed Agency Training will be the training offered for the All Agency Meeting. Kernan indicated that the department has offered an invite to Community Services and Child Support. Kernan also extended an invite the committee members.

Public Comment: Neville asked if the department was receiving calls about persons who need assistance from the recent flooding. Kernan indicated that the department has been assisting clients who call for resources. Kernan also stated that the department is working with the Emergency Management Department to make sure the citizens are getting needed resources.

Lindenman spoke on the recent 2nd Annual Family Fun Fest that was held at the Greenwood High School on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Lindenman indicated that 281 children were in attendance, along with parents and grandparents.

Kernan informed the committee that the Energy Assistance Program starts October 3rd. Kernan indicated that walk-in clinics will be held at the department every Tuesday and Thursday in the months of October, November and December and then every Friday in October in Owen.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 9:30 am, RM 307.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by: Suzanne Lindenman

Arlene Kodl, Secretary

Suzanne Lindenman, Business Office Manager