

**Unofficial**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**Social Services Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes January 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m. by Chuck Rueth.

**Present:** Chuck Rueth, Arlene Kodl, Frieda Rollins, Art Petke and William Neville.

**Also Present:** Suzanne Lindenman, Pamela Kernan.

**New Staff Introduction:** New Benefit Specialist, Mellisa Hancock was introduced to the committee.

**Meeting Minutes:** Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated December 20, 2017. Motion to approve by Neville; second by Rollins. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Disbursements:** Committee reviewed the December 2017 Expense Report. Motion to approve the December 2017 disbursements by Petke; second by Kodl. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**2017 Budget:** Kernan reviewed the 2017 budget. Motion to receive and file budget by Neville; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Current Placement List:** Kernan reviewed current placement list. Motion to receive and file placement list by Rollins; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**2018 Budget:** No report.

**Trauma Informed Practice:** Kernan informed the committee that Clark County was selected, along with nine other counties in Wisconsin, to receive the Fostering Futures Grant to assist with meeting the goal of becoming a trauma informed agency. Kernan indicated that being trauma informed is within the Wisconsin Child Welfare Model as

standard practice and that receiving the grant will assure that services provided are done according to the Department of Children and Families State Model. Kernan informed the committee that the next bi-annual All-Agency Meeting is a four-hour training in resiliency and scheduled for April 28, 2018. Kernan invited Committee Members to attend upcoming trainings on Trauma Informed Practice and will continue to provide information at the monthly committee meetings.

**Agency Collaborations:** Kernan indicated that she attended the Law Enforcement Round Table Meeting. Kernan reported that Wisconsin Attorney General, Brad Schimel spoke on Trauma Informed Practice, Mental Health and the Ongoing Drug Issues which are affecting not only law enforcement but several other agencies through out the County.

**Flex Schedule:** Request for ED employees to flex time was reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve flex schedule for ED employees by Petke; second by Rollins. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Corporation Counsel Hours:** Tabled for next meeting.

**WREA Updates:** Kernan reviewed the Income Maintenance Consortium Contract. Motion to approve the Western Region for Economic Assistance Income Maintenance Consortium Contract by Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried. Contract will be forwarded to County Board Chairman for signature.

**Children and Family Staff Update:** Kernan informed the committee that one of the vacant Social Work Positions has been filled in January. New employee, Amanada Statz started on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be introduced to the committee at the February Meeting. The additional open position was reposted and will close on Friday, January 26, 2018.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next Meeting:** February 21, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307 and

**Future Meeting:** March 21, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote.  
Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by: Suzanne Schoen

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Arlene Kodl, Secretary

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Suzanne Schoen, Business Office Manager