

Unofficial
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Social Services Committee Meeting
Minutes February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chuck Rueth.

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

Excused: Frieda Rollins

Also Present: Suzanne Lindenman, Pamella Kernan and Wayne Hendrickson.

New Staff Introduction: New Social Worker, Amanda Statz, was introduced to the committee. Amanda started January 2, 2018.

Meeting Minutes: Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated January 17, 2018. Motion to approve by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Disbursements: Committee reviewed the January 2018 Expense Report. Motion to approve the January 2018 disbursements by Neville; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

2018 Budget: Kernan reviewed the 2018 budget and current placement list. Motion to receive and file budget and placement list by Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Trauma Informed Practice: Kernan informed the committee that Department 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. The grant will pay for a Trauma Informed Coach to assist us with meeting goals. The following documents were distributed to the committee; 2015 Assembly Joint Resolution 115, Trauma Informed Training article from DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson, and Testimony of Secretary Eloise Anderson, which was included in the 2017 Biennial budget. Kernan informed the committee that the next All-Agency Meeting will include a four-hour training in resiliency and scheduled for March 28, 2018. Committee Members will attend the upcoming resiliency training. Kernan will continue to provide information at the monthly committee meetings in regards to Trauma Informed Practice.

Speakers Task Force: Kernan distributed the Speaker's Task Force on Foster Care- "We Listened" article to the committee and informed the committee that several bills will be coming to the Legislature regarding the State Foster Care System.

Corporation Counsel Hours: The list of 2017 service hours for cases and projects provided to the Department of Social Services by Corporation Counsel, was distributed to the committee as requested.

Policy Review: Kernan reviewed the following updated department policies; Social Services Confidentiality of Agency Records and Client Information; Social Services Normal Business Hours, Breaks, Flex Time, Comp Time & Unpaid Leave of Absence; Social Services Use of Electronic Devices Policy; and, Social Services Work Related Expenses Policy. Motion to approve updated policies by Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

WREA Updates: Kernan distributed and reviewed the WREA Telecommuting Policy and also forwarded to Personnel for review. Kernan informed the committee that neighboring consortia are already allowing employees to work from home. Due to the 6 months training time required for the WREA it is cost efficient to keep the employees that we have. Allowing such flexibility might incentivize employees to stay committed in DSS.

Children and Family Staff Update: Kernan informed the committee that interviews for the vacant Social Worker position are scheduled for March 2, 2018. This is a position that we have been trying to fill since January 2018. We have had three rounds of advertisement with no qualified candidate with experience in child welfare. During one round of advertisement we had no applicants. Kernan informed the committee that this is a state problem.

Correction & METH Update: Wisconsin Department of Corrections-Administrator's Memo to Counties and Twin Plagues: METH Rises in Shadow of Opioids were distributed to the Committee.

Coordinated Service Team MOU: Kernan reviewed the Clark County Coordinated Service Team (CST) Initiative Interagency Agreement. Motion to approve and sign Clark County Coordinated Service Team (CST) Initiative Interagency Agreement by Neville; second by Petke. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Agency Collaborations: Kernan indicated that the department is scheduled to attend upcoming Child Development Days, which take place at local public schools.

Public Comment: None.

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

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by: Suzanne Schoen

Arlene Kodl, Secretary

Suzanne Schoen, Business Office Manager