

Unapproved Minutes
Clark County
Social Services Committee Meeting

The meeting was held on June 12, 2019 in Room 305 at the Clark County Courthouse in Neillsville.

Chairman Rueth called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Roll call taken with the following members present: Chuck Rueth, William Neville, Art Petke, Arlene Kodl, and Frieda Rollins.

Committee Members Absent: None

Attendance

Others in attendance were as follows: Director DSS, Pamella Kernan; and Business Office Manager, Suzanne Schoen.

New Social Work Introduction

We are still in the decision making process for the current open position.

Meeting Minutes

At 9:39 a.m. motion to approve May 15, 2019 minutes by Neville; second by Kodl. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Disbursements

At 9:47 a.m. motion to approve and file May 2019 disbursements by Kodl second by Petke. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

2019 Budget and Current Placement List

Kernan reviewed the 2019 budget and placement list.

At 10:01 a.m. motion to receive and file 2019 budget and placement list by Rollins; second by Neville. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

WCHSA Update

Kernan updated the committee on the State 2019-2021 Biennial Budget information that was shared at the previous WCHSA Meeting.

Children & Family-Foster Parent Recognition

Kernan reported that on Saturday, June 1st the department held their Annual Foster Care Recognition Banquet and Training. Kernan also shared that Foster Parents Penny and Louie Hebert will be hanging up their Foster Parent hats after 17 years of service. The Hebert's fostered over 50 children in their 17 years. During Foster Care Month the Clark County Press highlighted a different Foster Family each week. Neville suggested that the department continues to highlight all of the Foster Parents in Clark County Press in the continuing months. Kernan will follow-up with the Foster Parent Coordinator.

Children & Family-Social Worker Position

Kernan reported that on Tuesday, June 11th the department interviewed one applicant for the open Social Work Position and the decision has not been made on whether to hire or repost the position.

Children & Family-Social Worker Internship

Kernan shared that the Social Work Intern-Jessica Burt is doing well. Burt will be with the department through August to complete her 400 hour internship. Kernan also shared that the internship for Ashley Schultz is also going well and is a great collaboration between the department and the Corporation Counsel.

WREA-Telecommuting

Kernan updated the committee that one Benefit Specialist is currently telecommuting and it is working out well. Kernan also reported that by the end of July the department plans on transitioning another Benefit Specialist into telecommuting.

WREA-Benefit Specialist Position

Kernan updated the committee that this afternoon and tomorrow, June 13th the department will be interviewing for the open Benefit Specialist Position.

WHEAP & Child Care Certification-Update

Schoen updated the committee on the 2019 WHEAP Data and shared information on the Crisis Assistance Program that will continue through the summer months.

Schoen updated the committee on Child Care Certification through the department. Schoen reported that the number of Regulated Child Care Providers has dropped significantly over the past 10 years, which is an issue all across the State. Schoen also reported that the department plans on working in collaboration with Childcaring Resource and Referral Agency to grow and support Regulated Child Care interest in Clark County.

All Agency

The next department All Agency is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The speaker is Brain Udermann, Ph.D, who will present on “Taking Care of Your Customers Begins with Taking Care of You”. Kernan reported that she has extended the training invite to Child Support, Health Department, and Community Services, and the training may be offered to other departments.

Agency Collaboration

No agency collaboration shared.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda items for Upcoming Meeting (s)

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 307 (updated).

Future Scheduled Meeting Dates

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 307.

Adjournment

At 10:44 a.m. motion to adjourn meeting by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote taken with all "aye"; motion carried.

Submitted By:

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