

Unofficial
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Social Services Committee Meeting
Minutes July 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chuck Rueth.

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

Also Present: Pamela Kernan and Suzanne Schoen.

Meeting Minutes: Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated June 13, 2018. Motion to approve by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

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

2019 Budget: Kernan indicated that the department is in the process of developing the 2019 Budget. Kernan indicated that the department budget will be ready for committee approval in August.

WREA Budget: Kernan reported that the WREA Directors Meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2018, in which the WREA Consortia Budget will be discussed. Kernan indicated that the department will budget the float position for 2019, but at this time it is unknown if WREA will open the float position for hire. We are also continuing to budget work from home costs.

WREA STAFFING: Kernan reported that the Consortia selected two Benefit Specialists to attend the Midwest Partners for Program Improvement Education and Training Event Conference in Battle Creek, Michigan. Kernan indicated that Clark County Lead Worker, Ginger Kauth was one of the staff selected to attend the conference. Kernan indicated that cost for the conference will be covered by WREA budget. Motion was made to approve out-of-state travel for this conference by Neville; second by Kodl. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Kernan shared that the Consortia received a letter from DHS, notifying the Consortia that there was a surplus of Federal RMS Funds in 2016 and 2017. Kernan reported that DHS is asking all Consortia's to come to a consensus on how they recommend the surplus funds should be used and distributed. Currently, ideas being thought about are payment by levy contribution and DHS keeping a portion of the funding for short falls. County assistance with short falls is in the State contract. Kernan will update the committee on upcoming information after attendance at the WCHSA Meeting.

Children and Family Foster Parent Grant: Kernan reported that Governor Walker signed an 11-bill package to improve outcomes for children In Wisconsin's Foster Care System. Assembly Bill 787 was signed which creates a new grant program which will be administered by DCF for the purpose of supporting foster parents, licensing, and provision of normalcy activities for children placed in out-of-home care. Kernan indicated that the department submitted proposals for the new grant funding.

Children and Family Foster Parent Licensing Grant: Kernan indicated that Assembly Bill 776 was also signed, which make two changes to foster parent licensing in order to improve stability and continuity of foster care placements. Kernan indicated that this bill allows the department to contract out licensing to different child placing agencies. The department did submit a proposal that will assist with the long distance and time consuming licensing requirements and reduce direct costs to the agency.

Kernan also reported that she was asked to write an article on the impact of drugs in our community for Wisconsin Counties Association.

Trauma Informed Practice: Kernan reported that the department has scheduled a Trauma Informed Luncheon on Wednesday, July 28, 2018. Kernan indicated that Community Services staff would join the luncheon for new staff introductions.

Agency Collaboration: Kernan reported that the department is distributing campaign information to the school districts to bring awareness to the public that sex trafficking of WI youth is an issue. The campaign information is entitled "WI, We Need to Talk,".

Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. by Petke; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Minutes Submitted By: Suzanne Schoen

Arlene Kodl, Secretary

Suzanne Schoen, Business Office Manager