

**Unofficial**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**Social Services Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes September 20, 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, Justin Wolff, Wayne Hendrickson and Suzanne Schoen.

**Introduction of Corporation Counsel:** Newly hired Clark County Corporation Counsel, Justin Wolff, was introduced to the committee.

**Meeting Minutes:** Committee reviewed previous meeting minutes dated August 22, 2018. Motion to approve by Petke; second by Rollins. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

**2018 Budget and Current Placement List:** Kernan reviewed the 2018 Budget, placement cost, and current placement list. Motion to receive and file budget and placement list by Neville; second by Rollins. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**2019 Budget:** Kernan indicated that the Social Services budget was approved by the Finance Committee without any changes.

**WCHSA/County Resolution:** Kernan reviewed the Wisconsin County Human Services Association's (WCHSA) request to pass a resolution: Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System. The resolution is requesting that the State increase the Children and Family Aids allocation to counties in the 2019-21

state biennial budget by \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on the caseload standards developed by the WCHSA sub-committee so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet its obligation. Motion to support and send to County Board for a resolution Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Children & Family Update:** Kernan informed the committee that the departments newly hired social worker submitted a letter of resignation dated, August 30, 2018. Kernan informed the committee that the open position is posted and will close on Friday, September 21, 2018.

**WREA Staff Update:** Kernan informed that committee that the open ES Supervisor Position closes Friday, September 21, 2018. Kernan informed the committee that at the WREA Directors Meeting she requested that the Directors consider a full time Supervisor in Clark County, rather than a shared Supervisor with Jackson County. Kernan indicated that the WREA Directors evaluated work load across the consortium and determined that the Department would move forward status quo, sharing the Clark County ES Supervisor with Jackson County. Kernan also shared the froze float position was approved for hiring and that the position is posted and will close on Friday, September 28, 2018.

**WHEAP Contract Review/Approval:** Kernan reviewed the WHEAP Agreement Between the State of Wisconsin-Department of Administration and Clark County Department of Social Services. Motion to support and approve the Agreement by Petke; second by Rollins. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Flex Schedule:** Request for ED employees within the department to flex time and requests were reviewed by the Committee. Motion to approve flex schedule for ED employees by Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Agency Collaboration:** Kernan shared information on the 2018 Financial Workshop for Clark County Residents that was a joint effort by the UW Extension Office and the

Social Services WHEAP Coordinator. Schoen shared information on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fest that is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Greenwood High School.

**Transportation Coordination Plan:** Schoen reviewed the newly developed Clark County 2019-2023 Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit–Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan. Motion to support the Clark County 2019-2023 Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit–Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan by Kodl; second by Neville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Rueth thanked Corporation Counsel Wolff for attending the committee meeting and asked that he join the Social Services Committee Meetings quarterly.

**Next Meeting:** October 17, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 14, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307 and December 12, 2018 at 9:30 am, RM 307.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 10:35 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