

Minutes of the Board of June 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Maury Strupp. He stated this was an open meeting and representatives from the news media and other interested parties had been notified. Board members present were Maury Strupp, Les Borman, Jim Spindler and Harold Groth. Jim Schwartz was excused. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Joanne Faber, Holly Tennison, Kathy Haase and Kay Lucas.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Les Borman to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on May 21, 2007. Motion carried.

Family Court

Michael introduced Holly Tennison, Family Services Supervisor and Kathy Haase, Social Worker. He stated that Kathy is one of three master degree social workers who are responsible for family court custody studies. Holly explained the process when the Department receives an order to conduct a custody study and the length of time that is taken to complete each study. She stated that some studies take longer due to a variety of reasons. Michael shared an award the Department received from the State Bar Association.

Out of State Travel

Michael stated the Department has received scholarships for two staff members to attend the 2007 Food Share Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. He introduced Joanne Faber and she explained that staff members were chosen because of their ability to manage large case loads while keeping accuracy. She further stated that this was a great honor for the Department. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves out-of-state travel for two DSS employees to attend the 2007 Food Share Conference in Cincinnati Ohio in August and then report their experience back to the Board.”

Motion carried.

Public Hearing Comments

Michael reviewed the comments that were made at the Public Hearing and stated that due to the expected bad weather only 30 people attended. However, all comments were positive.

Workload Report

Joanne reviewed the Economic Support workload. She stated that there are currently 4,926 unduplicated cases and that medical assistance and food share are currently at an all time high.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload and alternate care report. She stated there were not many changes in the month of May but there was a slight increase in child abuse/neglect and delinquent/status offenders.

Director's Report

- Resource Center Changes
- Annual Report
- Family Care Sessions

July Social Service Board Meeting

The July Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3224.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Harold Groth to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary