

**Minutes of the Board of the Department of Social Services
June 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Maurice 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 Jim Spindler, Maurice Strupp, Leslie Borman. Jim Schwartz and Harold Groth were excused. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Sandy Potter and Kay Lucas.

Re-Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Michael stated that elections needed to be redone due to Jim Schwartz being elected Chair on the Public Safety Committee and according to policy, Board members can only be Chair on one committee. Nominations were opened for Chairman. A motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman nominating Maurice Strupp as Chairman. No other nominations were forthcoming and the following motion was made:

“Moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Maurice Strupp for Chairman.”

Motion carried.

Chairman Strupp opened nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Less Borman nominating Jim Schwartz as Vice Chair. No other nominations were forthcoming and the following motion was made:

“Moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jim Schwartz as Vice Chair.”

Motion carried.

It was noted that Harold Groth would remain Secretary as previously elected in the May 15th Social Service Board Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on May 15, 2006. Motion carried.

Family Center of Washington County

Michael explained that the Department contracts with the Family Center to offer child abuse/neglect programs to agency clients. He stated that these programs are an integral part of working with these clients. Michael introduced Janean Brudvig, Director of the Family Center Janean gave an overview of the Family Center and discussed their working relationship with the Kettle Moraine YMCA.

Juvenile Justice – 72 Hour Hold Authority

Michael explained the Intensive Supervision Program and consequences juveniles face if they do not comply with their program. He reviewed Wisconsin State Statutes – Chapter 938 – Short term Detention and stated that surrounding counties already utilize this program. He said that he has contacted the Judges, County Attorney, Sheriff’s Department, etc. and all have responded favorably to this request. He further stated the Department will need to put together a formal resolution and present to the Social Service Board for approval and then to the County Board for approval. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the Department preparing a resolution instituting the 72-hour hold according to Wisconsin State Statutes – Chapter 938.”

Motion carried.

Workload and Financial Report

Sandy Potter reviewed the Economic Support workload. She stated that the unduplicated case count continues to increase. She also explained Medical Assistance, BadgerCare, Family Planning Waiver, Healthy Start, Nursing Home, General Assistance and Energy Assistance.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload. She also compared the current foster home and treatment foster home statistics to last year. She stated that youth seem to be staying longer in care.

Director’s Report

- a. Michael stated that the Public Hearing had a good turn out and reviewed the comments that were specific to the Department.

July Social Service Board Meeting

The July Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2006 in Room 3224 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Jim Spindler to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary