

## **Minutes of the Board of the Department of Social Services September 18, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman 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 Maurice Strupp, Harold Groth, Jim Spindler and Jim Schwartz. Les Borman was excused. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Joanne Faber and Kay Lucas.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Harold Groth to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on August 21, 2006. Motion carried.

### **Boys & Girls Club of Washington County**

Michael Bloedorn introduced Jay Fisher, Director of the Boys & Girls Club. Jay gave an extensive overview of the program that is run at the center. He stated there are currently 1,300 members, 1,000 in West Bend and 300 in Jackson. He also stated that parents have become dependent on the Boys & Girls Club and that the staff works very hard at putting children in situations where they can succeed and teach them respect.

### **Out of Home Care for Children**

Michael stated that he wanted to give the Board a visual overview of the trend in out of home care. He stated that this area has always played a major part in the Department's budget and that the Department works very hard at utilizing all resources before out-of-home placement.

### **Transcriber Purchase**

Michael said at the August Board Meeting the Social Service Board instructed the Department to purchase a transcriber replacement for \$800 to have on hand instead of putting it in the budget every year as a precautionary measure but after doing further research with Bill Croft at Rite Type, it was decided that it would really be a waste of money to purchase a transcriber at this time. After further discussion, a motion was by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Jim Spindler as follows:

“The Social Services Board rescinds the approval of the transcriber purchase as stated at the August 21, 2006 Social Service Board meeting.”

Motion carried.

### **Workload and Financial Report**

Joanne Faber reviewed the Economic Support workload. She stated that the unduplicated case count continues to increase. She also stated that the 2006/2007 Energy Season begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that the agency is expecting a considerable increase this season.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload and alternate care report.

### **Director's Report**

- a. Hartford Office – Michael explained the office in Hartford and stated that the furniture in that office was all make shift furniture and needed to be replaced. He stated the cost of replacing the furniture in that office was approximately \$2,100.00 After further discussion, a motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Jim Schwartz to approve the purchase of office furniture as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Budget Update – Michael gave a brief update on the status of the budget to date and stated he would have further information at the October Board meeting.

### **October Social Service Board Meeting**

The October Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2006 in Room 3224 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Harold Groth to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth  
Secretary