

**Minutes of the Board of the Department of Social Services
December 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, Les Borman and Jim Schwartz. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Pam Dooley 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 November 20, 2006. Motion carried.

Toys for County Kids

Michael introduced Pam Dooley, Foster Care Coordinator for the Department of Social Services. He explained that Pam also manages the Toys for County Kids Program for Washington County. Pam reviewed the toy program and stated that the agency works closely with other agencies in the county who also have a distribution. She stated that the Department currently has 212 families with 532 children this year.

Committee Appointments

Michael Bloedorn stated that this item was held over from the November meeting and that he received a memo from Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator regarding appointments of committee representatives. The memo stated that in the past these representatives were selected by the County Board Chair but the County Board Chair is requesting that each respective liaison committee chair select a representative. This committee assignment is to the Bargaining Committee for labor negotiations. After further discussion, a motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Les Borman, as follows:

“The Social Service Board appoints Jim Spindler as delegate to the Bargaining Committee for labor negotiations.”

Motion carried.

Safe & Stable Families 2007 Allocations

Michael presented the 2007 budget recommendations for Safe & Stable Families funding. He stated that these recommendations have already been approved by the Advisory Committee and require Social Service Board approval. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Jim Spindler as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the 2007 Safe & Stable Family Funding as recommended by the Child, Youth & Family Advisory Committee.”

Motion carried.

Resolutions: Co-Designation as Adult-at-Risk Agency

Michael introduced the 2006 Resolution – Designation of Adult-At-Risk Agency. He explained that this resolution requires each county board to designation an agency in the county as an adult-at-risk agency and that both the Department of Social Services and the Comprehensive Community Services Agency would share this role in Washington County. After further discussion, a motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Les Borman as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the 2006 Resolution – Designation of Adult-At-Risk Agency as presented.”

Motion carried.

Workload and Financial Report

Michael reviewed the Economic Support workload. He stated that the unduplicated case count continues to increase as has been the trend.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload and alternate care report. She stated that the month of November was very active both in placements and discharges. She stated that there are currently more youth in placement than in 2005 but the agency always monitors each placement very closely.

Director’s Report

- a. 2007 Meeting Schedule – Will continue the third Monday of every month in Room 3224.
- b. Long Term Care Steering Committee – First meeting is December 19, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.
- c. Bids – Intensive Alcohol/Drug Abuse Case Management

January Social Service Board Meeting

The December Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2007 in Room 3224 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Les Borman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary