

**Minutes of the Board of the Department of Social Services  
December 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Schwartz. 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 Schwartz, Jim Spindler, Mark McCune, Ken Brandt and Deborah Wilke. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, and Kay Lucas.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Deborah Wilke, seconded by Ken Brandt to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on November 21, 2005. Motion carried.

**Long Term Care Reform**

Michael stated that the State has a request for proposals, due December 31, 2005, regarding long term care redesign. He explained the changes to the current program and the effect the changes would have on the way the County currently administers the program.

**IV-E Legal Services**

Michael said the Department received money in 2003 to help alleviate the backlog of TPR's (Termination of Parental Rights). He stated the Department has a contract with the County Attorney's office for services utilizing the IV-E funds and the contract has to be renewed as the Federal government continues distribute these dollars to the county through the State. After further discussion, a motion was made by Deborah Wilke, seconded by Jim Spindler as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the agreement between the Department of Social Services and the County Attorney using IV-E funds as presented.”

Motion carried.

**W-2 Update**

Michael reviewed the development over the last month regarding the W-2 program. He stated that he would continue to inform the Board with further developments at the next Social Service Board meeting.

**2006 Social Service Board Meeting Schedule**

Michael asked the Board if they wanted to continue meetings scheduled on the third Monday of each month as they have been in previous years. Because 2006 is an election year, meetings will continue on the third Monday until after the election.

**Workload and Financial Report**

Michael reviewed the Economic Support workload.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Work workload and the Alternate Care report. She stated that the last state corrections placement was released in October and gave a brief overview of the number of placements in alternate care in the beginning of 2006.

### **Director's Report**

- Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Task Force
- Strengthening Families Initiative Selection
- Mass Clinic Preparedness

### **January Social Service Board Meetings**

The January Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mark McCune, seconded by Deborah Wilke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Spindler  
Secretary