

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, May 12, 2025 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Committee Meeting to Order

Chair Thiel called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Thiel, Dana Miller, James Meunier, Marty Lemke, Donald Dunphy

MEMBERS EXCUSED: none MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: none

DEPARTMENT HEAD(S): Jessi Rumsey, Amber Rehberg

VISITORS: Glenda Kummerow

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve Minutes from April 14, 2025

M/S Dunphy/Meunier to Approve Minutes from April 14, 2025. Motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Recognition of Retirement of Glenda Kummerow, Economic Support Supervisor/Energy Assistance Specialist

The Committee thanks Glenda for her years of service to the County and congratulates her on her upcoming retirement.

6. Social Services Financial

a. 2024 Final Social Services

Report(s) placed on file.

b. Approval of 2024 Social Services Budget Modifications

M/S Miller/Meunier to Approve the 2024 Social Services Budget Modifications. Motion by a voice vote.

c. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

d. Director Timesheet Approval for 3/31/2025 - 4/27/2025

M/S Miller/Dunphy to approve Director Timesheet for 3/31/2025 - 4/27/2025. Motion by a voice vote.

e. Director Expense Report Approval

M/S Miller/Meunier to approve Director Expense Report. Motion by a voice vote.

7. Social Services

a. Director's Report/Updates

Verbal report provided. Rumsey expressed significant amount of time recently spent on recruitment and the difficulties we are seeing with recruitment as well as staff levels. Rumsey provided the committee with a Family Strengthening outreach packet being distributed to the community in hopes of encouraging community

engagement in efforts to strengthen youth and families.

b. 2026 Budget Discussions & Preview

Discussion regarding two preliminary budget scenarios for 2026 - one with the Energy Assistance program and one without. Discussion regarding out-of-home placements and how amount budgeted/requested would affect tax levy request.

c. Action Item: Consideration of continuing to administer WHEAP program locally or transferring local WHEAP services to the state.

Discussion. Decision held over until next month to allow committee more time to review information provided.

8. UW Extension Financial

a. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

b. Action Item: Approve Preliminary 2026 UW Extension Budget

M/S Miller/Meunier to Approve Preliminary 2026 UW Extension Budget. Motion by a voice vote.

9. UW Extension Departmental Updates

a. Area Extension Director's Update

i) Educator Reports

Report(s) placed on file.

ii) Update on AmeriCorps Service for Summer 2025

Discussion held. Rehberg informed the committee that after selecting 2025 summer students, the program was cut at the federal level. UW was able to shift money around to continue the commitment to the students already selected for 2025, so there will be AmeriCorps students this summer; but this may be the last summer.

10. Resolutions & Ordinances

a. 2025-XX-XX Resolution to Request and Accept Funding from Aspirus Foundation for FoodWise Nutrition Education Programming

M/S Miller/Meunier to approve 2025-XX-XX Resolution to Request and Accept Funding from Aspirus Foundation for FoodWise Educational Program. Motion by a voice vote.

Don Dunphy will author the resolution and it will be co-sponsored by the Committee.

11. Future Agenda Items

2026 Preliminary Budget Approval - Two budget scenarios, one with Energy Assistance Program and one without. Public Hearing will be held at 4:30 on Monday, June 9th regarding the budget. The regular committee meeting will be held starting at 4:00 pm, and then the regular meeting will be suspended at 4:30 to hold the public hearing. Lived-experience presentation/discussion.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

June 9, 2025 - 4:00 pm

Public Hearing - June 9, 2025 - 4:30 pm

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:21 pm

