

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, July 14, 2025 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Committee Meeting to Order

Chair Thiel called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: none MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: none

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Jessi Rumsey, Amber Rehberg

VISITORS: Mickala Ferge, Sofia Widowski, Melissa Yates, Dafney Yates

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve Minutes from June 9, 2025

M/S Lemke/Miller to approve minutes from June 9, 2025. Motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Public Comment

none

5. YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument) Informational Presentation

Presentation provided by Child Welfare Manager, Mickala Ferge and Youth Justice Social Worker, Sofia Widowski. Questions and Discussion.

6. Resolutions & Ordinances

a. 2025-08-XX Resolution to Write for and Accept FY2026 Youth Justice Innovation Grant

Presentation regarding the grant proposal was provided by Child Welfare Manager, Mickala Ferge and Youth Justice Social Worker, Sofia Widowski. Questions and Discussion.

M/S Miller/Dunphy to approve 2025-08-XX Resolution to Write for and Accept FY2026 Youth Justice Innovation Grant. Discussion held.

M/S Thiel/Meunier to amend the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to cover **a 32 hour per week position including** the cost of salary, fringe, mileage, and other related expenses or to reimburse a contractor for expenses associated with the contract agreement to provide services as defined by this project proposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the Department of Social Services to accept Youth Justice Innovation Grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00, if approved, from Wisconsin Department of Children and Families for the purposes of creating a **32 hour per week** position or contracting for services to provide intensive supervision to youth justice case participants **to be reviewed annually**.

Motion to amend carried by voice vote.

M/S Miller/Dunphy to vote to approve 2025-08-XX Resolution to Write for and Accept FY2026 Youth Justice Innovation Grant as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Social Services Financial

a. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

8. Social Services

a. Quarterly Data

Report presented as it was not included in the agenda packet. Report(s) placed on file.

b. Director's Report/Update

Verbal update provided.

9. UW Extension Financial

a. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

10. UW Extension Departmental Updates

a. Area Extension Director's Update

Report(s) placed on file.

i) SNAP Ed Funding - FoodWise Program Cut

Rehberg reported that, with the passage of the Reconciliation Bill, funding for the FoodWise Program has been discontinued. As a result, Federal support for the FoodWise Educator position in Lincoln County, currently held by Shara Allen, will end effective September 30, 2025. At this time, there is uncertainty regarding the future structure or potential alternatives for the program. In the interim, Shara is committed to serving Lincoln County and will continue to deliver programming as long as resources allow.

b. 4-H AmeriCorps Service Member Report

4-H AmeriCorps Member, Dafney Yates, was introduced to the committee and provided a report on the activities she has been completing during her time and the benefits the AmeriCorp position has provided her.

11. Future Agenda Items

No specific items identified at this time.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm

13. Adjourn

Chair Thiel adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.