

**CRAWFORD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Human Services Board was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Crawford County Administration Building, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman, Dull.

Roll call showed board members Ellen Brooks, Wade Dull, Elling Jones, Mary Kuhn, Carl Orr, Joyce Roth and Brad Steiner present along with non-board members Dan McWilliams, Director and Mary Glawe, Clerk III.

Posting of Meeting Notice verified by: Wade Dull

Motion by Steiner, second by Roth to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Steiner, second by Jones to approve the bills & vouchers in the amount of \$22,085.66. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agency Updates

- Items in the Governor's 2019-21 Budget that would impact Crawford County the most if they go through as currently proposed:
 - The Children & Family Aids allocation would increase by \$15 million per year
 - Foster Care and Kinship rates would increase by 2%
 - All 17 year olds (not just non-violent offenders) would be returned to the Juvenile Justice System and counties would be reimbursed for allowable expenses
 - A study on the Youth Aids formula, which could change funding allocation
 - Shared Revenue would increase by 2%
 - Potential ability to raise levy limit by 2%
 - Medicaid expansion to 138% of poverty
 - Repeal drug screening in order to receive FoodShare benefits
 - No new increase for Income Maintenance
 - Initiative to streamline all CLTS eligibility screenings
 - Talk of regionalizing Crisis and suggesting State pays local Medicaid match vs. County
 - Health is working on lead poisoning, "Clean Air and Clean Water," and "Healthy Women, Healthy Babies" initiatives

- Recruitment has started for the Crisis Therapist position until 3/21/19.

- Bethany Kramer resigned as CST Worker. That position is also in the paper.

Overview of Child Welfare Services – Jada Hrubes, Youth & Family Services Supervisor

Jada presented a slide show and answered questions about the child welfare services provided in our county.

Youth Justice (aka Juvenile Justice) – works with delinquency and juveniles in need of protection or services. The primary focus is public safety and implementing services to help the child learn from their mistakes. There were approximately 60 Youth Justice referrals in 2018 with 27 open cases currently.

Child Welfare Services – is a prevention service. We try to implement a lot of help to the family and help them get connected to services such as case management, mental health outpatient/program referrals, intensive in-home counseling, and parent coaching/education in order to keep the child safe. In 2018 there were 104 referrals screened in.

Child Protective Services -- concerns for abuse or neglect in the home. The number one goal is safety of the child. We step in to help protect the children and keep families together. In 2018 we had 184 referrals for child abuse and neglect with 82 of those being screened in.

Seven staff members perform more than one service which include CPS Initial Assessments, CPS Ongoing, Child Welfare, Voluntary Kinship, Foster Care, Youth Justice, Coordinated Services Team and the Children's Long Term Waiver. Additionally there is a Children's Justice Support Coordinator for Crawford and Vernon Counties and one Support Staff.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 08, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jones, second by Kuhn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Roth, Secretary

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