

Members present: Jeff Bindl, Mike Albrecht, Mindy Mattson, Judge Wendy Klicko, Jeff Weiler, Dan Brattset, Karen DeSanto.

Members absent: Ryan Ramnarace, Jim Daniels, Ellen Allen, David Susens, Brenda Yaskal.

Others Present: Melissa Simonson & Jenny Skadahl – Columbia County Human Services

Introductions

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 3:02 p.m. Motion by Brattset, second by Albrecht, to adopt agenda with caveat that agenda left off Motion carried.

Motion by Judge Klicko, second by Brattset, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Communications:

Human Services staff will be attending briefings in the near future from the state regarding the closure of Lincoln Hills Youth Prison and changes to the juvenile justice system.

Columbia County Human Services Juvenile Community Service Program

Staff from Columbia County presented information about their juvenile community services program that has been in existence for almost three decades. Key points are outlined below:

- Staffed by a part-time human services staff (22 hours per week)
- Referrals come from the circuit court system not from municipal courts.
- Not ordered in lieu of restitution. 15-25 hours typical.
- No fee to participate, but juveniles and parents sign an agreement about responsibilities.
- Countywide sites and developed. Juveniles are matched based on likelihood of success.
- County Liability covers all juveniles and locations. Their corporation counsel has endorsed this.
- No MOU with worksite providers and no background checks are completed.
- Clients are presenting with less support from home, increased mental health issues, and at a younger age than in the past.
- No specific offense information is shared with work sites.
- Goal of the program is to build pro-social behaviors in these youth.

Sauk County is ready to rollout a version of a juvenile community service program, but the county liability issues still need to be resolved. Human services staff will work with corporation council on this.

Lincoln Hills Closure and Changes to State Juvenile Justice System

The committee deferred discussion on this issue until we receive additional information from the state.

Juvenile Court Scheduling:

Taken some adjustment but mostly positive so far. There continue to be some minor complaints with scheduling.

Items for next meeting:

Update on Lincoln Hills/DOC situation.

Columbia County Teen Court (CESA 5)

Update on Truancy (Emily Truman)

Next meeting:

Date and Time: TBD

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brattset, second by Albrecht @ 4:15pm
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted; Jeff Bindl, Committee Chair