CALL TO ORDER: Catherine Kolkmeier called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/2/17 MEETING
Catherine Kolkmeier asked for a motion to approve the October 2, 2017 meeting minutes. MOTION by Jodi Widuch and Mary Kay Wolf to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board: Kim Cable

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

- Speakers Task Force, Caseload Study Committee, for a caseload standard. Legislation being drafted.
- Innovation, Foster Parent Support Fund, Foster Care Agency to help foster care parents fund unforeseen expenses.

Family and Children’s Section Update: Tracy Puent

- Families and Children who have reached timely permanency
  Jan-=Sept 2017
  77 children were placed.
  32 reunified with parents
  28 guardianship
  12 Termination of rights
  5 Youth Aged out-transfer to adult system

Collaboration Presentation:
Federal Issue Update: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace Open Enrollment

Wanda Palmer, Healthcare Navigator in Workforce Connections

- Three year grants- cut by 44%
- Provide outreach and education
- Less events and prescheduled appointments.
- Open Enrollment: 45 days. (new and re-enrolling)
- www.healthcare.gov
- 2-5 insurance provides (four different levels based on what is provided)

State Issue Update: eliminating the Children's Waiver Waitlist and the Impact on La Crosse County: Matt Strittmater

- Children's Long term support (CLTS)
- 140 families -3.4 million, 188 children on the waitlist. (September)

Expansion plan

- Enrolling 10-15 children since October
- Adding 5 staff to 2018
- 6.6 million budget-extra 3.3 million is state funds.
- Done with current waitlist by Dec 2018

Q&A:

- Knowing the cost of the child's needs.
- Waitlist is committed to serving the waitlist, 3-5 children become eligible each month, relaying on aging out children or no longer needing the service.
- Vender capacity. (staff to provide this much more business) CCS program expanding.
- Average 10-15 additional staff per month required.
- 2/3rd gets served out of the home.

Lots of opportunity for the community to serve the children and families in the La Crosse area.

Agency Updates / Roundtable
- Free Health Summit event on April 13th from 8am-12pm, speaker Garry Gunderson on "Leading Causes of Life".
- The Parenting Place is no longer offering exchange services, for families effected by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking.
- Department of labor voted down increase in overtime hour's law.

**ADJOURN**

Catherine Kolkmeier adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm.

**Approved by Committee, Elizabeth Blaser, Recorder**