

SOCIAL SERVICES

Support of:

1. A Portage County community-based, coordinated preventive care and rehabilitation mental health facility for its adults and youth.
2. A Stevens Point Crisis Intervention center.
3. The establishment of a half-way house or group home for the rehabilitation of the children in trouble in Portage County.
4. Improved and expanded psychological and vocational counseling services within the school systems, with emphasis placed on counseling in the lower grades and a proportionate use of female counselors.

The annual meeting in April 1971 adopted a study of social services in our area with special emphasis on juvenile and mental health services. Information was presented by the committee at unity meetings in the fall, by the Director of Portage County Social Services at a dinner meeting, and by the Presbyterian pastor and a member of the social services department at a luncheon meeting. Consensus was taken in March 1972 and the position adopted in April was similar to the above with the following exceptions:

Item 2 was originally worded "the continuing existence of a Stevens Point Crisis Intervention Center." Such a center was then in existence, but that particular entity ceased operation and in April 1975 the current wording was adopted.

Item 4 originally read, "...counseling in the lower grades and the use of female counselors." There were no female counselors in the system at that time. By 1975 some female counselors had been hired, and the phrase was changed to "a more proportionate use of female counselors." In 1976, because of an adequate increase in the use of female counselors, the word "more" was deleted.

Construction is underway to build a new Crisis Intervention Center (June 1991)