

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF
FOREST COUNTY
AUGUST 26, 2015**

Members Present: Bill Chaney, Melinda Otto, Scott Shaffer, David Campbell and Paul Millan

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Chuck Sekel

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Millan.

Motion by Mr. Chaney/second by Mr. Shaffer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

The meeting minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were read. Motion by Ms. Otto to approve the minutes and second by Mr. Campbell. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chaney/second by Mr. Shaffer to convene closed session to conduct interviews for the I.M. Call Center Anywhere position. Roll call vote – all members voting aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chaney/second by Mr. Campbell to reconvene open session. All voting aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Shaffer/second by Mr. Chaney to offer the I.M. Call Center Anywhere position to Rene Shampo. First Alternate: Ashley Thompson, Second Alternate: Ashley Matuszewski, Third Alternate: Debra Anderson. Motion Carried. All four interviewees were very impressive and the voting was very close.

Sekel explained that we now have a new placement in Lincoln Hills. This placement will cause budgetary problems for the county at \$286/day. We also have a young boy in a residential treatment center that is well over \$300/day.

The ADRC has asked that Mary Houle be allowed to fill-in for Alyson Bocek while she is on maternity leave. The ADRC Manager has approved the request and there is money in the ADRC budget to cover the cost. Mary has been a volunteer at the ADRC for a couple years and is familiar with the operations. An hourly wage has not been set but it is anticipated that it will be under \$10/hour. At this time it is not anticipated that Mary will fill-in for Alyson at the Veteran's Office. The committee had no objection to this arrangement as long as there was funding in the ADRC budget.

In discussions with state staff it does not appear that Forest County will be rolling into a Family Care county in 2017. The budget allows for DHS to set the implementation period and recent information leads us to believe that Forest County will not roll during this biennium. Gayle Webster has not

completed the case notes and is unable to do so at this time due to a computer software problem. It is imperative that these notes be entered by mid-September when the audit of the LTS program occurs. Dan Childers is working on the problem and hopes to have it resolved very soon. Sekel has spoken to Mr. Millan and Lisa Kalata regarding the drafting of a confidentiality agreement for employees, especially volunteers and limited term employees. Ms. Kalata will discuss the issue with the county's labor attorney. Mr. Millan stated that WCA is also addressing the issue on a statewide basis. Ms. Webster will be completing the case management and billings for the Alzheimer's Support Program for the remainder of 2015. In 2016 this program will be administered by the Commission On Aging. Janell Schroeder has requested to move the COA office to the southwest corner of the department. That office will be vacant very soon. Sekel has no issues from the social services standpoint and the new office will actually make the agency more secure. It will be up to the COA to approve the move. The current office could be used as a conference room.

Motion by Mr. Campbell/second by Mr. CHaney to adjourn. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Paul Millan

Bill Chaney

Melinda Otto

Scott Shaffer

David Campbell