

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

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Tammy Queen and Chuck Sekel

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mr. Millan.

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

The meeting minutes of the August 26, 2015 meeting were read. Motion by Mr. Campbell to approve the minutes and second by Mr. Shaffer. Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding the Coordinated Services Team Program was conducted. Currently Forest County is in a partnership with Vilas County and the program is administered by the Human Service Center. In 2015 there were no clients served by the program in Forest County. Sekel believes that it would be in the best interest of the county to bring the program in-house at Social Services. We have families we could be serving but need the inside presence to make the program work. The allocation is approximately \$60,000. There was a resolution in 2014 to authorize HSC as the administering agency of the CST grant.

That resolution would have to be rescinded, a new put in place and a resolution to authorize the hiring of a coordinator would need to be passed. Motion by Mr. Chaney/second by Mr. Campbell to rescind the current resolution authorizing HSC as the administrative entity of the CST program. Motion Carried. Motion by Mr. Shaffer/second by Ms. Otto to designate Forest County as the administrative agency for the CST program. Motion Carried. Motion by Mr. Campbell/second by Ms. Otto to authorize the hiring of a new full-time CST Coordinator position that will remain in effect as long as there is grant funding to support the position. Motion Carried. The position will have regular county benefits and the pay rate will be approximately \$17/hour depending on qualifications.

Tammy Queen was introduced as the new Commission On Aging Director/Long Term Support Coordinator. Ms. Queen highlighted a couple issues that arose from the TMG audit of the LTS Program. LTS will develop a new policy on the collection of Background Checks and Automobile Insurance information on providers. There will be new reimbursement rates for our participants in the medical escort program. The meal sites will be closed from 12/24/15 – 1/2/16 for the holidays.

Juvenile placements continue to be a problem for the 2015 and 2016 budget. We currently have one juvenile in Lincoln Hills (placed at Mendota) and one juvenile in a residential treatment facility. Both of these are high cost placements and will have a negative impact on both annual budgets. We also have one juvenile placed in group care and one in treatment foster home.

Janell Schroeder was hired as the new Regional Manager of the ADRC of the Northwoods. Our vacancy was filled by Tammy Queen.

There are no new updates on Family Care. Many rumors persist but no solid information has been presented that would give us any indication of when we will roll to Family Care.

Motion by Ms. Otto/second by Mr. Chaney to adjourn. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Paul Millan

Bill Chaney

Melinda Otto

Scott Shaffer

David Campbell