

Forest County Social Service Committee Meeting
December 26, 2018
County Board Room
5:00 p.m.

Members present: Scott Shaffer, Melinda Otto, Scott Goode, Dave Campbell and Kellee Gallion

Absent:

Others present: Tom Tallier and Tamara Feest

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Shaffer.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion to approve agenda by Otto, seconded by Goode. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from Social Services Meeting held October 8, 2018-**Motion to approve minutes made by Otto, seconded by Gallion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**No comments.
5. **Closed Session-** The Committee may consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c) “considering the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” This closed session relates to:
 - CST/APS Position InterviewsMotion to go into closed session by Otto and seconded by Goode. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Reconvene to Open Session to take action, if appropriate on matters discussed in closed session-** Motion by Otto to reconvene to open session, seconded by Gallion. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Gallion to hire Linda Chasteen, seconded by Goode. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Department Updates-**Committee updated on number of open Child Abuse and Juvenile Delinquency cases. Update on Foster Care and the Departments need to place children in foster homes outside of the county. Shared with the committee the costs of foster homes and treatment foster homes. Informed Committee of the training that staff

members are attending. Update on the newly hired receptionist, Kelsey Jensen, with a start date of January 7, 2019.

- 8. Human Services Reorganization Discussion-**Committee was informed of the meeting that was held to discuss concerns and possible options of reorganization between the Human Service Center and the Counties (Forest, Vilas and Oneida). Committee was informed that there has been the same structure since the 1980's. Explained that it is only in the discussion phases of possibilities. Tallier and Campbell shared information regarding the Human Service Committee they are members on. Tamara Feest, Human Services Executive Director, was present and shared information as well. A request was made by the Committee to have information provided to them on exactly what the Human Service Center does as they are not exactly sure what services are provided. Feest will provide written information to Director of Social Services that can be shared with the Committee. Feest was updated that it would be good to have Mental Health Case Managers in Forest County as they do not have offices here and also to have further discussion with schools regarding Crisis calls that are coming in.
- 9. WCHSA Membership-**Committee informed that Forest County is not a member of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association. Discussed the benefits of Forest County becoming a member. Committee agreed it would be beneficial. Director to check on the cost. If needed, bring back to Social Services for discussion and possible approval.
- 10. Adjournment-**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gallion and seconded by Otto. All in favor, motion carried.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next scheduled meeting.