

Forest County Social Service Committee Meeting
March 26, 2019
County Board Room
5:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Tamara Feest, Human Service Center

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Scott Shaffer.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion to approve agenda by Campbell, seconded by Goode. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from Social Services Meeting held February 26, 2019-**Motion to approve minutes made by Goode, seconded by Campbell. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**No comments.
5. **Human Services Presentation-**Power point was sent out prior to the meeting regarding the Human Services Programs. Tamara Feest presented the power point information on the history of the Human Services, programs offered and their funding sources.
6. **Discuss and if appropriate, Take Action on Income Maintenance Hours-**Northern Income Maintenance has additional hours available to workers that are interested in helping temporarily with processing documents. Committee informed that Michelle Rosio is interested in picking up additional hours. Discussed the hours she was interested in which would bring her to 39 hours per week. Motion made by Otto and seconded by Goode to approve the additional hours with a written statement that there will not be a change in the benefits, job description or hours on the job description, as it is temporary and can be discontinued if Michelle no longer is interested or if the Consortium no longer has work available. All in favor, motion carried.

Northern Income Maintenance had sent out a survey to IM staff to discuss possible changes in hours of the Consortium being open. Committee informed that at this point it is only a survey and one of the questions was whether or not the County would allow changes in work schedules for IM. IM staff still need to be available during the hours the Social Services Department is open. Committee is not in favor of the work hours of

IM staff changing as the needs of the customers still need to be met daily during Social Services open hours.

- 7. Review, Discuss and if appropriate, Take Action on Child Care Training Request-** Committee updated on the Child Care Training for Certified Day Care providers. Forest County Potawatomi, Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Social Services to provide training together. Motion to approve Forest County DSS sharing in cost of the training with Forest County DSS payment in the amount of \$600 was made by Otto and seconded by Gallion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 8. Review, Discuss and if appropriate, Take Action on Forensic Fluids Testing-**Currently DSS is using UA's and request is being made to purchase oral fluid testing kits. Discussed the costs. No motion taken as cost does not exceed needed approval.
- 9. Department Updates-**Update on increased numbers of children in foster care compared to previous year at this time. Informed that due to the lack of foster homes in the area, children are being placed out of county with Child Placing Agencies, which is higher cost. Discussed that it is anticipated that the foster care budget will be overspent this year. Discussed recent foster care need and difficulties locating homes and what was done within the department to meet needs.
- 10. Review, Discuss and if appropriate, Take Action on Policies for CST Program-** No action taken.
- 11. Next Meeting to be held on April 23, 2019 at 5:00pm in the County Board Room.**
- 12. Adjournment-**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Otto and seconded by Campbell. 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. Next scheduled meeting is April 23 at 5:00pm.