

Forest County Social Service Committee Meeting
May 28, 2019
County Board Room
5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Scott Goode

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Scott Shaffer.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Committee updated that the date for the next meeting is incorrect. The correct date should be June 25, 2019. Motion by Otto to approve agenda with corrected date for next meeting, seconded by Campbell. All present in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from combined Personnel and Social Services Meeting held May 14, 2019-**Motion to approve minutes made by Otto, seconded by Campbell. All present in favor, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**No comments.
5. **Department Updates-**Discussion of Jane Wilson returning as a limited term employee to help during the summer months. Jane has offered to help and current staff have trainings and vacations planned. Consensus of Committee that she can assist during the summer months.
6. **Foster Care/Kinship Care Updates-**Committee informed of the continued high costs of out-of-home placements due to using more Child Placing Agencies foster homes. Informed Committee of the administrative costs that need to be paid in addition to the foster care rates. Discussion of foster home recruitment that is taking place with minimal interest of new homes. Discussion of the need for a juvenile to be placed at Copper Hills from Forest County. Informed Committee of the daily costs for Copper Hill and the department requesting that the individual remain there until their 18th birthday which is in approximately 6 months.
7. **Fiscal Updates-**Committee informed that Stephanie Ginter has accepted the Fiscal position. Due to family needs, she will be in the office a couple days both this next week and the following. She will start full-time as of June 17. Discussed that the Auditor is

still working on a contract for assisting the Department and this will be given to the County Clerk's Office when it has been completed.

- 8. Next Meeting to be held on June 25, 2019 at 5:00pm in the County Board Room.**
- 9. Adjournment-**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gallion and seconded by Otto. All present 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 June 25 at 5:00pm.