

Forest County Social Service Committee Meeting

June 25, 2019

County Board Room

5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Scott Shaffer.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Otto to approve agenda, seconded by Gallion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from Social Services Meeting held May 28, 2019-**Motion to approve minutes made by Campbell, seconded by Gallion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**No comments.
5. **Department Updates-**Social Services is fully staffed. Fiscal staff started full-time on June 17. Jane Wilson is assisting within the department for the summer months. Committee informed that Patrick Cork had met with the department for suggestions/comments on the Human Service Center study that is being completed. Tom Tallier provided further information regarding the study that is being done with the Human Service Center programs. Committee was updated on the ADRC/Aging Integration meeting that was held. Currently there is a group meeting to discuss the future possibilities of the two agencies remaining as they are or joining. Discussed that the group is going to be looking at how other counties are working, different organizational charts, pros and cons. Next Integration meeting to be held in August with no current date set for when any changes would take place. Intergovernmental meeting held with the Forest County Potawatomi Board members in June. Committee was informed of the discussion of updating the MOU's and the discussion that took place regarding the MOU's. Meeting has been set for early July with Family Services and Social Services to review the MOU's and make changes as needed.
6. **Foster Care/Kinship Care Updates-** Committee was updated on the number of children that are currently in Foster Care and Kinship Care. Explained the costs of the children that are in a treatment level foster home or are placed through a Child Placing Agency

are more than a private foster home. Committee was updated that Foster Care Coordinator is currently in the process of finishing up the licensing for two new foster homes.

7. **Fiscal Updates**-Committee informed that Stephanie Ginter has begun working 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 was scheduled for July 23, 2019.** Requested date to be changed. Committee in agreement that meeting could be changed. Next meeting will now be on July 30, 2019 at 5:00pm in the County Board Room.
9. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Otto and seconded by Gallion. 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 July 30 at 5:00pm.