

Forest County Social Service Committee Meeting
February 11, 2020
County Board Room
5:30 p.m.

Members present: Scott Shaffer, Scott Goode, David Campbell, Cindy Gretzinger, Kellee Gallion

Others Present: Lynne Black

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Shaffer.
2. **Approval of Amended Agenda-** Motion by Campbell to approve amended agenda, seconded by Goode. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from Social Services Meeting held January 14, 2020-**Motion to approve minutes made by Gretzinger, seconded by Campbell. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**No comments.
5. **Department Updates-**
 - CPS and Juvenile Delinquency-Committee informed that there are 104 open CPS and Child Welfare cases at this time. Juvenile Delinquency has 2 children that are currently in a secure facility.
 - Foster Care and Kinship-Committee informed of what Kinship requirements are and that there are currently four open cases of Kinship. Informed that there were three kinship cases that were closed due to no longer meeting the criteria in December and one case where the parent moved back into the home which caused a case to close in January. Informed Committee that the current payments for Kinship are \$254 per month. Committee informed that there are currently 10 children in foster care through Forest County. 1 child is placed through a Child Placing Agency and 1 is in a group home. 2 children are placed through a subsidized guardianship with family.
 - Committee updated that there continues to be progress made with the fiscal portion of the agency. Ginter has been able to get the reporting all caught up for the different programs/grants other than one grant that is still being worked on.
 - Committee updated that Margaret Calhoun started in the Economic Support position as of February 10th. Committee was also updated that Kayla Paquette has started within the DSS/COA Clerk position as of February 10, 2020.

6. **Review, Discuss and if Appropriate, Take Action of Posting the CST/APS Position-** Committee updated that the 1st and 2nd choices for the position had both accepted and then declined the position. Committee informed that the position therefore needs to be reposted in the paper. Gretzinger made the motion and Campbell seconded the motion to post the position again for two weeks. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Weatherization Program Update-**Informed Committee that Energy Services Inc. has been the contracted provider for the Weatherization Program. Informed Committee that they recently sent a letter with the how many people they have served. Informed Committee that they do receive the funding through the contract that Social Services has with the State, but they also work with WPS, WE Energies, and other companies to get additional funding that they can use for customers in need.
8. **MOU Discussion-**
 - Drug Endangered Children-Committee informed that currently the MOU is with the Legal Department of Forest County Potawatomi and once it has been signed then it would be forwarded to the Department of Corrections.
 - 161 Agreement-Committee updated that this continues to be worked on with the Sokaogon Chippewa ICW, Tribal Attorney and Corp Counsel. Currently DSS is using the agreement that was signed in approximately 1993.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Child Care Grant-**Committee informed that DSS receives a grant each year to certify child care providers, train providers and for marketing. Explained that DSS does not currently have any certified providers due to certification requirements, licensing, etc... Explained that the money received has to be used for these services and is not being utilized. Informed Committee that Northwest Connections has had contracts with surrounding Counties and a call was placed to them to discuss more about the contracts and what they can offer. Committee informed that if they would contract with DSS they would provide a staff member that could provide for the marketing, training, certifications, and DSS would work with them to ensure compliance with the program. Committee updated that they are currently not able to take the agency on, but may be able to after June as they have to discuss with their committee and would have to hire additional staff. Goode made motion and Gallion seconded to go ahead with pursuing a Child Care Contract with Northwest Connection. All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Adjourn-**Motion by Gallion, seconded by Shaffer to Adjourn. 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 March 17, 2020, at 5:30pm.