

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

Members present: Cindy Gretzinger, Bill Chaney, David Campbell, Ron Karl, Scott Goode

Absent: Cheri Collins

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Gretzinger.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Campbell to approve agenda, seconded by Chaney. All present voting AYE, motion carried.
3. **Approval of minutes from Social Services Meeting held July 21, 2020:** Motion to approve minutes made by Chaney, seconded by Goode. All present voting AYE, motion carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
5. **Department Updates:**
 - CPS and Juvenile Delinquency-Current case load numbers for Child Welfare, CPS and Juvenile Delinquency was shared.
 - Foster Care and Kinship- Committee updated that the fiscal reports for the month of July have not yet been completed for dollar amounts. Current number of children placed in foster care and kinship placements was shared.
 - Economic Support-No updates.
 - Fiscal-Committee updated that the fiscal reports were not completed yet for the month of July so this information will be shared next month. Updated that there has not been any further communication with Bridget from CLA.
6. **Updates on CST and CPS Openings:** Committee updated that there have been three people interested in the CST position. One applicant has a degree that would be appropriate for the CST and CPS position and the other two people have a two year or one-year degree. Discussed changing the job description with the State and they stated that it could be done if the individual has experience working with children and families. Committee was updated that this would be the recommendation and then the job description would need to be changed with wages ranging from \$19.54-\$24.12 depending on education and experience. Gretzinger made the motion to change the job

description and wages for the CST position, Campbell seconded the motion. All present voting AYE, motion carried.

7. Discussion and If Appropriate, Take Action on Social Services Policies:

- Agency Cell Phones-Committee updated that this is still being worked on as the next policy is similar to this.
- Client Texting, Emailing and Cell phone-reviewed by committee
- Text messaging/email informed consent-reviewed by committee
- Home Care-reviewed by committee

Motion by Chaney to approve the policies, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE, motion carried.

8. Discussion of 161 Agreements and Caseloads: Committee updated that there had been some discussion that due to COVID and the Tribes loss of funding and workers that there may be cases transferred back to Social Services. Committee informed that Jensen has met with Judge Stenz and it does not sound as though cases that are already with the tribes will be transferred back however there may be an increase of new cases that the county will need to keep. Explained that if there is an increase in cases then this will be a concern with case management and also county funds needing to be used for placements.

9. Next Meeting: September 15, 2020 at 5:30pm. Jensen was asked to add Roll Call to the agendas.

10. Adjourn-Motion by Goode, seconded by Karl to Adjourn. All present voting AYE, 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 September 15, 2020 at 5:30pm.