

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Collins thanked Tamara Feest from the Human Service Center for taking the time to come to the meeting. Committee was informed that there is another meeting scheduled at 5:30 in the board room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Goode, Karl, Collins, Gretzinger

Absent: Tina Anderson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Campbell to approve the agenda as presented, second by Goode. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2021

Motion by Goode to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- FISCAL-Committee provided the financial information and informed that December costs are listed however there were a few bills still coming in for 2020 so this is not the final. Updated the committee that the final for 2020 will hopefully be done in the next couple weeks so that the information can be forwarded to Bridget for review prior to the final submission. Jensen explained why the Legal Fees are so low.
- CPS and JUVENILE DELINQUENCY-Jensen shared the most recent information on the numbers of CPS investigations, Child Welfare Cases, reunifications and Juvenile Delinquency caseload numbers. Gretzinger asked about trancies. Committee informed that trancies are up however the families receive citations so DSS has not been working with those that are truant. Explained that due to staffing it is not possible to work with them at this time. Request was made to have the school liaison officer and the officer that is hired through the grant come to the committee to provide an update on what they are seeing in the school and community. Jensen to follow up on this request.
- FOSTER CARE and KINSHIP-The number of out-of-home placements was shared with the committee.
- CST-Committee updated that there are currently four families being served by the program. Committee informed that there can be 10-12 families on at one time so they are slowly being added.

- ECONOMIC SUPPORT-Committee updated that there was a worker out of the office on FMLA however she has returned and there are no other updates.

HUMAN SERVICE UPDATES

Tamara Feest from the Human Service Center was present at the meeting and shared the CCOP expenditure report. Feest explained the COP money rolled over to CCOP in the amount of \$42,714 which has not needed to be used, but may be needed for 2020. HSC received their 2019 audit and had No Findings. They did have a sizeable surplus. Feest shared the vacancies they have at HSC. The Systems Review Committee is wrapping up. A lot of work has been completed and they will continue to work on what they have been working on. Committee updated that HSC requested approval for the Forest County Branch Office to be used for both MH and AODA sessions. There are 5 referrals thus far and Jensen had suggested opening up the office to community members that have appointments so that they do not have to drive to Rhinelander. Feest also mentioned County Board presentations and HSC Board trainings. Recently completed a Chapter 980 relocation that was successful. Committee was updated on the new changes to the Medicaid inpatient substance use treatment.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JUVENILE DETENTION BILLING

Committee informed that Jensen does not expect action to be taken today on the Juvenile Detention billing however they were provided with information on how some Northern Counties are billed. No Action Taken.

UPDATE ON OPEN CPS POSITIONS AND POSTINGS

Committee updated that the CPS positions were sent out to the State again. Jensen also was trying to post the positions on Job Center however an Unemployment Account was needed and this has to be completed by the County Clerks office.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Human Service Center
School Liaison Officer and Juvenile

NEXT MEETING:

Discussion regarding changing the date as Collins is unable to attend. Decision was made to continue with the meeting on March 16, 2021 at 4:30pm. Goode will Chair the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Karl, seconded by Campbell to adjourn at 5:15pm. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Social Services meeting.