

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Cheri Collins called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anderson, Campbell, Collins, Karl

Absent: Goode

Others Present: Jody Jensen, Social Services; Tamara Feest, Human Service Center; Josh Collette, Sheriff's Department and Don Belland, School Liaison/Sheriff's Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2021

Motion by Anderson to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments

HUMAN SERVICE UPDATES

Feest was present at the meeting and informed Committee that HSC has vacancies to fill. IT Specialist is retiring so they are looking at a consultant for the position. They have filled some of the Mental Health Tech positions. CCS positions are being filled. They are working on their new accounting system. An annual report should be ready for presentation at the board meeting in May. Discussed CCOP expenditures and that CCOP allocations. Discussed the request for the Risk Reserve funds use due to changes in the operation costs related to COVID. Collins asked Feest if they are having difficulties at HSC finding and retaining employees. Feest did discuss the issues with hiring and retention. Committee requested a copy of the HSC Review of Systems from the study that had been completed. Jensen will forward copies to the committee members.

SCHOOL AND JUVENILE TRENDS

Josh Collette and Don Belland attended to discuss what they see. Due to the changes in schooling and the virtual schooling that is allowed, they have seen an increase in truancies. They have over 100 truancies that they have filed this school year. Virtual schooling is an issue as students that are virtual need to have the motivation to complete it and the parents need to be monitoring their children. School and see when the students are logged on and what they are doing so they can show the parents what the student is doing. They have had some children

return to in person learning after the parents find out their child is not doing what they said that they were. The problem now that the school is having is that some rooms are maxed capacity for social distance guidelines. Another concern is vaping. Discussed the vaping materials and drug paraphernalia that they have confiscated. Discussed that if a child is found with smoking materials they are offered an educational course on the effects of this. Collette was asked to describe a typical day of work. He stated that he does what the Sheriff tells him to do. With COVID, he is not doing as much directly with the kids so he is ordering parts, working on repairs and other requests. He will walk through the Laona and Wabeno schools. He teaches the DARE classes for the 1st and 5th grades. He had tried doing the 7th grade as well, but this was difficult for him to do all three grade levels. He also goes to school to interact with the children in kindergarten to second grade to develop a positive relationship with them. Belland works in the Crandon School from approximately 7am to 3:30pm. He monitors the halls, investigates and mentors students. He teaches DARE to the 5th grade classes. He also meets with the teachers and counselors regarding students and does whatever they need.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- FISCAL-Discussed issues found by COA that will be changing the financial reports as some charges were being billed out to COA that should not have been so Bridget from CLA is addressing those issues. Bridget has told Jensen that there are still minor concerns that need to be looked at, but overall it is better. Discussed having Bridget come to the agency to meet with DSS and COA in near future.
- CPS and JUVENILE DELINQUENCY-Jensen presented committee with the number of open Child Welfare, Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation and Juvenile Delinquency cases.
- FOSTER CARE and KINSHIP- Committee informed of the number of kids that are placed out of home at this time.
- CST-Committee updated that the Farrin submitted her resignation yesterday and will be leaving employment as of April 30.
- ECONOMIC SUPPORT-No changes to report.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARENTING TRAINING CURRICULUM

Discussed that agency needs a staff member to be trained in parenting. Discussed that research on different programs have been done and there is a program that other counties use that Jensen would like to have Paquette trained on. Committee informed of the advantage of providing the classes internally so families could be reunited sooner or prevent the need for removal. Committee was updated on the approximate cost of the training as being \$1000 and it can currently be completed on-line. Request for Jensen to determine where the cost of the funding for the training would come from and bring it back to next Social Services meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Karl made a motion to go into closed session and motion was seconded by Anderson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- CPS Application and Student Intern

RECONVENE TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE ON MATTERS DISCUSSED

Motion by Karl, seconded by Campbell to reconvene from closed session. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- Motion by Karl, seconded by Anderson to arrange an interview with an applicant on April 26th at 4:30pm. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- No Action taken on Student Intern paid position. Tabled until the next meeting, April 26, 2021.

POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CPS Interview

Student Intern for CPS Position

CST Resignation and Posting

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on April 26, 2021 at 4:30pm. Meeting may need to be held in another room due to Auditors being here.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Karl, seconded by Collins to adjourn. 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.