

Social Service Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE: Social Services Meeting
DATE: TUESDAY, October 11th 2022
TIME: 4:30pm
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Anderson called to order at 4:30pm

ROLL CALL

Members present: Karl, Campbell, Black, Goode, Anderson, Kayla Collins, Ron Skallerud, Beth Ferdon and Kathy Fohrman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Karl, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Black to approve Meeting minutes from 09/13/22, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION:

Interviews for Fiscal and ongoing Social Worker.

- 1 application per Beth for Fiscal
- 1 application for CPS position.

Both positions are closed. Wanting to set up interviews. Interviews set up for 3pm on Monday October 17th.

Anderson asked Beth to call applicants to see if they are available for interviews.

- Update on PLAN FOR Youth Justice Position:
Tony Crum to just be the juvenile worker for intake and ongoing FTE for youth justice worker, will be used for Tony. Additional things Tony has:
 - Idea with having burnout with on calls

Tony's position is a Grant Funded position. After August of 2023, his position will be ended unless they get a new grant. Youth aids funds will help fill budget of the rest of the position. Tony will also be trained in Initial Assessment for CPS. Tony will also be trained for on call. It will be recognized by the State. State and Law Enforcement are ok with this. Plan to continue funding for position after grant funding.

One service withdrew out of Youth Aids and CPS funding include funding.

Sheriff's Department gets billed for Secure Detention. We are able to hold juveniles in Forest County Jail until Initial appearance for court. CPS pays for placements, residential treatments, foster care / Kinship. Tony is signed up for Basic Intake for November. Massey also signed up for November and Basic Intake in December. LTE Social Worker possibly 3 days a week. Possibly wanting her to be a Lead worker because she has a lot of experience. Didn't hear back from her today like asked. Per Beth not feeling it's a strong possibility. LTE position for any department was approved by personnel. Would have to advertise as a Social Worker LTE or Case Manager LTE; if person that has possible interest decides she's no longer interested to post LTE position.

Motion by Lynn, Second by Goode. To approve Social Services Director to recruited LTE for Social Services department. Starting Wage of position. All in favor. No opposed.

FISCUAL UPDATES:

Beth states she doesn't have a good look at financial. States we know we are over in some budgets. Especially Juveniles, state some high-cost placements are unavailable. Still down CPS, Lead Worker, Fiscal. Also, Youth Justice, if Tony isn't approved.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Wendy has come in and hit the ground running. Kathy Fohrman has been helping with APS. Kathy states Wendy is doing really well and is staying on top of everything. APS Position is 30% and CST is 70%. APS is overtaking the position. Some counties are going to the state about how APS funding is not sufficient to cover expanding expenses.

Beth wants to take a closer look at State Mandated requirements for APS verses state requirements to gives funding to Human Service Center, Inclusa, ETC for more on-going management. APS typically is more for abuse, neglect and guardianship. CST have heard more from schools with interest of CST, we have opportunity to get that program up and running.

Lots of new referrals for Juveniles. Not always rising to ongoing levels. Beth gave examples of high-cost places that express concern about Youth Justice Budget due to high cost of placements.

No update from Human Service Center. Beth plans on meeting with Beth on the 21st.

Sheriff's Department short staffed. Ron is still offering to help on call workers. Sometimes taking on call. Still willing to help out. We are a small county and need to work together.

Having issues with Maplewood Villa. Maplewood is taking inappropriate patients and aren't equipped to handle them. APS has reported them to the State, and the State is still not investigating. Advance Dementia patient walking out to the Highway hitchhiking. Maplewood wanted officers to stay with client. Looking at doing Ch.55 with clients at Maplewood Villa, but that is difficult when clients are in a facility that is already responsible to provide care.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Interviews and LTE positions.

Black made aware that can't make 11/8 meeting due to elections.

MOTION by Karl, second by Goode to adjourn. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

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