

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2023
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Gretzinger Chaired the meeting in Anderson's absence.

Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Black, Campbell, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl

Absent: Anderson

Others Present: Nora Matuszewski, Kayla Collins, Chelsea Payant, Thomas Prete, Melissa Walsh

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Black, second by Karl to approve the February 7, 2023 Social Services minutes. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PERMANENCY PANEL COMMITTEE

C. Payant called several people interested in the panel and told them it would not be needed until June. She asked them about doing visitations and only one really was interested and not sure about transportation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONTRACTING OUT VISITATIONS, OR USING VOLUNTEERS

C. Payant has a contract for the visitations and transportation with New Horizons, which is \$48.00 per hour and mileage. Right now, all of their workers are in Rhinelander, but they may be able to contract with others in Forest County. The contract can be canceled with 30-day notice if employees are hired.

Motion by Black to approve the Purchase of Service Contract with New Horizon, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES CONTRACT

Motion by Black to approve the Purchase of Service Contract with Northwest Connection Family Service, second by Campbell; subject to Corporation Counsel approval. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR VISITATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

Discussed and done in a previous action.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FUTURE OFFICE SPACE UTILIZED BY THE FSET AGENCY

Motion by Goode to take occupancy of the FSET office within 90-days; May 31st end date of contract, with letter sent to the agency to that effect, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: The committee may consider a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. stat. §19.85(1)(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” and Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e)” Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” and Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) “Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved”, this closed session relates to:

- Court Hearings, Permanency Plan
- LTE Employees
- Agency Screening and reporting

Motion by Campbell to convene into closed session, second by Goode: Roll Call Vote: Gretzinger (AYE), Black (AYE), Campbell (AYE), Goode (AYE), Karl (AYE). Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Goode to reconvene to open session, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Black to create the five (5) new LTE job descriptions – (LTE) Supervised visits, Youth Justice, SW Tech, Initial Assessment, Access screener and bring back to the next meeting for approval, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Black to create a contract for social worker positions tailored to individual positions, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Motion by Goode to have Kayla C. contact the state and ask for them to reserve training sessions for Forest County, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Posting of the Youth Justice position

Next meeting set for February 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Goode to adjourn, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.