

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2023
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Skallerud (chair in Anderson's absence) called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Black, Karl, Goode, Skallerud

Absent:

Others Present: Tracy Schumacher, Nora Matuszewski, Cindy Gretzinger

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Karl to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2023 Social Services meeting, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION (L. VANGRINSVEN)

They would like her to stay on as a casual worker.

No Action

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE CST/APS POSITION AND PROMOTION FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

The LTE (T. Saari) is working out great and she has been helping with the position.

Motion by Black to post the position internally, then if anyone applies do interviews at the next meeting, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

HSC UPDATES WITH POSSIBLE ACTIONS

There is a letter going out to all providers, there is a meeting on the 14th with the HSC employees as they have questions for the directors about moving forward. The current employees will be allowed to stay with the new structure if they wish to and if they do, they will keep their same rate of pay and position. There are several options for all counties going forward, which would include hours of operation, where the employees are located, etc. There is a feasibility structure being done.

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COMMUNITY CLOSET UPDATE WITH POSSIBLE ACTIONS

There was a problem with the advertising for the Christmas party but, donations came in just the same. They are doing great with it and just about full and ready to open up to the families in need.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE DELINQUENCY PROGRAM FOR 2024

The department is doing prevention with the kids now. There are issues with a gang that has been doing some very bad things. Skallerud told Schumacher of a reimbursement program out there that was initially created for Milwaukee County but, can be used by other counties for the detention facilities if, the juveniles are proven to be gang related. Schumacher is hoping to get to these juveniles before they get involved in the gangs. They are working on a gang program. There are options with Blackwell Job Corps as well. Schumacher would like to look at all options and bring back to the committee.

CPS/YJ UPDATES WITH POSSIBLE ACTIONS

Schumacher brought in a sheet showing all of the placements and commented they are up again.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A POLICY HANDBOOK PERTAINING TO THE DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM

Schumacher told the committee that she and Crum had been working on the DEC program before, and it was working well. When Schumacher came back, she looked for the policy handbooks and is not sure what happened but, she cannot find anything. She wants to get this policy written up again so, if anything happens there is something written that anyone can follow and be able to run it.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SETTING UP DATES FOR INTERVIEWS AND DATES FOR 2024 MEETINGS

Already have set up meetings every 2nd Tuesday in 2024 unless there is a conflict with County Board or the elections, then it will be moved to the third Tuesday.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Interviews – DSS/Aging Clerk, Social Services Aide, CST
- December 29th, 2023 – Joint with Personnel/Aging for interviews
- HSC Report
- Forensic Interviews

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Goode to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.