COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024
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.
Motion by Karl to forego reading of the agenda, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE).
Motion carried.

ROLL CALL
Present: Black(phone), Karl, Goode, Skallerud, Gretzinger
Absent: Campbell
Others Present: Tracy Schumacher, Nora Matuszewski

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

APPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 MEETING
Motion by Goode to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 Social Services meeting,
second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

PLANS FOR COLLABORATION WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES:
- BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH FCP INDIAN CHILD WELFARE WORKERS
- FCP – ATTEND FOREST COUNTY MONTHLY CPS TRAINING

Schumacher is working with outside agencies and the FCP is one of them. They have agreed to
meet with the department and are going to attend trainings that Schumacher will be doing with
her employees. This will help in understanding the different set of guidelines and rules each
have to adhere to.
- SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA – POSSIBLY ATTEND FOREST COUNTY MONTHLY
  CPS TRAINING

Schumacher just received contact back that they will also attend weekly meetings and CPS
trainings as well with the Social Services department.
- DIRECTOR WORK ON DEVELOPING TRAINING FOR SHERIFF DEPUTIES ON
  NEEDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
- BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ON SHARED
  CASES

Schumacher and the Sheriff department are working on lists of needs from and for each
department. They will be meeting every other week to discuss DEC cases and confidentiality

with them. There is an employee within the department that has agreed to become the DEC agent and the employee will train under Schumacher for a year because of the extensive amount of information to be learned.

DISCUSSION ON TRAINING SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE TO BE A DEC AGENT (T. SHORT); POSSIBLE ACTION
No Action – The department head has the authority to do this without committee approval.

DISCUSSION ON APPROVING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT FORENSIC INTERVIEWS TO BE FORWARDED TO FINANCE FOR APPROVAL; POSSIBLE ACTION
Motion by Goode to approve the purchase of the equipment for the forensic interviews and monitoring of clients as well, per the Naunkca invoice ($2,454.00); move forward to Finance for funding options and approval, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CLOSET UPDATES
Schumacher reported that the Community Closet is doing very well and almost fully stocked. They are in need of perishable foods and men's clothing and still have $100.00 for crisis.

HUMAN SERVICE CENTER UPDATES
Schumacher brought a sheet that showed three (3) options for allowable restructures for reorganization. She told the committee that the three (3) directors met with the current employees and that it did not go well. They will not be meeting with them again. There will be a general public meeting on February 9th, 2024 and a Supervisor meeting on January 29th, 2024.

CPS/YJ/PREVENTION UPDATES
The cases are as follows:
Prevention families – 6
Informal dispositions – 5
In-home CHIPS – 7
Post TPR OHC – 1
In progress TPR – 1
Open initial assessments – 8
OHC – 38
JJ OHC
Schumacher was appointed to the policy advisory committee with the State of Wisconsin. She explained that it is a lot to add to her responsibilities but, she feels there is not enough representation for the smaller counties at the State. The department is having to spend a lot of money on gas for transportation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Director Updates

- Other Updates

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, motion by Black to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.