

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Skallerud called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Karl to forego reading of the agenda and allow the chair to move items as needed, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Present: Black, Karl, Goode, Skallerud, Gretzinger (phone)

Absent:

Others Present: Tracy Ferraro, Nora Matuszewski

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2024 MEETING

Motion by Goode to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 Social Services meeting, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNITY CLOSET UPDATE

Ferraro told the committee the Covantage grant came in, St. Joe's church did a diaper drive and brought in two truck-loads of donations, the Walmart grant they are still waiting on and she will be applying for a Potawatomi grant. It is going very well with the Community Closet.

SOCIAL SERVICES HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT WE WERE CHOSEN FOR A \$1,000 GRANT FROM COVANTAGE CARES

The department received the grant.

POLICY UPDATE:

- a) Drug endangered Children Protocol – Crum and Ferraro

Crum and Ferraro are working on writing the initial version of DEC, the list was presented to the DEC group, which will have to go through the Sheriff to also approve it.

- b) Goals for the next three months

Ferraro is working on a template for a disaster (emergency) plan first and then will be working on all the plans and getting them either written or updating them.

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HSC UPDATES-

a) Oversight Committee meeting

The Oversight Meeting committee met on the 7th and formed the board, Tyler Young is the chair and Ferraro is the Vice Chair. They found out the CLTS program could be paying for some of the kids they are having problems with but, the kids in Forest County never make it off the waiting list and with staff shortages now it will get worse. She will try to make sure going forward the County does not lose any money.

b) Tri-County meeting

She went to a community meeting and there were a lot of angry people complaining about the Counties, not understanding that it is the Human Service Center that is the problem, there also were a lot of people that could not attend so they are going to have another meeting. At that meeting they will try to explain that things will get better, that the Human Service Center is the problem and the counties are trying to fix that. In March Ferraro will start giving updates to the full county board every month.

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 responsibility,” this closed session relates to:

- 1) Employee retirement – J. Boss
- 2) Employee FMLA – DSS/Aging Clerk, assisting with duties while FMLA is utilized
- 3) Director – Forensic Interviewer Stipend
- 4) Employee performance – Family Support Specialist

Motion by Karl to convene to closed session, second by Black. All present voting, Black (AYE), Goode (AYE), Gretzinger (AYE), Karl (AYE), Skallerud (AYE). Motion carried.

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

Motion by Karl to reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate on matters discussed in closed session, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- 1) Motion by Goode to accept the resignation of J. Boss and post the position, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- 2) No Action
- 3) Motion by Goode to forward to Finance for a stipend/contract, second by Black. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.
- 4) No Action

DIRECTOR UPDATES:

a) Director – Social Work Exam and results from passing

Ferraro took the social worker exam and become a licensed social worker as requested by the committee. The committee thanked her and congratulated her on getting the license.

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- i) Director request for paid time to take exam because of County request to become a licensed social worker.

Ferraro requested getting paid for the day because it was requested of her to get the license and the committee agreed.

Motion by Black to allow paid time invested to get the license and mileage to go to Rhinelander to take the test, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

- b) Placements – results from completed work

Ferraro has the placements in esacwis up to date, now she has to have fiscal go in and get everything marked paid. There are six, within in the last month that need to be put in and there is still a lot of cases that are open from previous workers that left and did not close them or know how to close them.

- c) Out-of-home care placements

Ferraro updated the committee on all placements.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Director Updates
- Elderly options
- HSC – Consultant
- Set a special meeting for either February 26th or 29th

ADJOURNMENT

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