

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2024
TIME: 4:31 PM
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARDROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Augustin, Goode, Gretzinger, Weber

Absent: Karl, Skallerud

Others Present: Tracy Ferraro, Melissa Grogg

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE SOCIAL SERVICES MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 26th MEETING

Motion by Goode, second by Augustin to approve the minutes from September 26th Meeting. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONNECT

Penny and Lorie from Behavioral Health Connect gave a presentation on their services; how they can do a needs assessment, security risk assessment, and provide recommendations, resources, and training. This program is funded through the Department of Health Services, and would help the department be in compliance with HIPPA and health care security.

DIRECTOR UPDATES

1. The committee discussed signing an MOU with Alicia's place and is still undecided. It was agreed to do more research on billing and policies and maybe try a probationary period.
2. There has been a spike in homeless walk-ins to the department seeking help, mostly looking for a place to stay. Some can be helped and some can't. It was suggested to document these occurrences and what help was provided and what the department could not help with.
3. The Hollywood Hills campground held a basket raffle that raised \$889, which was donated to the Cares Closet. This will help the emergency food fund.
4. There was discussion on the new DSS supervisor and what an excellent job she is doing. This has made things less overwhelming for the director and the department is running much more smoothly.

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POSTING OF CASE MANAGER POSTION

Motion by Goode, Second by Weber to approve posting the open Case Manager position. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

HSC/TRANSITION UPDATES

The Crisis Variance Application has been completed and a site visit is scheduled for 10/9. There will be an upcoming final site visit here.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The director has applied for the SCIP grant. This would cover all crisis training fees for workers as well as any officers who would like to take the training, and LCSW fees.

TRAINING REQUESTS

The director would like to attend a one-day training in Appleton by DCF regarding effects of suicide on families. This is a growing problem and this training will be useful, especially when the department starts handling crisis.

Motion by Weber to approve the training. Second by Augustin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FISCAL AND BUDGET UPDATES

1. Things are going much better with Danielle's assistance.
2. Areas over budget are Youth Aides, APS, and Foster Care.
3. The department was able to cut one Full Time FTE position and 2 Part Time FTE positions.
4. The department will likely receive emergency funding after the first of the year.

CPS, CHILD WELFARE, AND YOUTH JUSTICE CASE UPDATES

1. Protective Plans-7
2. Safe and Stable-1
3. TSSF-2
4. 42 Open CHIPS cases in OHC, with possibility of 9 children going home soon
5. Informal Dispo-6

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Goode to adjourn the meeting. Second by Augustin. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.