



FOREST COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Mike Miller, Sam Augustin and Brooke Dewing
Committee members absent: None
Others present: Shannon Boney, Child Support Agency Director

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Miller read the agenda. *Motion by Dewing to approve the agenda, second by Augustin. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.*

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

There was an error in the draft minutes in the “Call to Order” section which stated that Miller was absent, however, he was in attendance at this meeting and called the meeting to order. *Motion by Augustin to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Dewing. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PROGRAM & DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Shannon provided the committee with a staffing update.

Shannon informed the committee of the various committees and workgroups she is a part of.

Shannon informed the committee of the federal IV-E policy change regarding referrals to child support for children in out-of-home care (OHC). In June 2022 federal guidance was issued on referring cases to child support to pursue collections for children in OHC. Research conducted demonstrates that establishing child support orders was generally not cost effective as it

creates a barrier to reunification for families and extends the time that the child is in OHC. Guidance suggests that child welfare agencies should generally not pursue collections for children in OHC. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) began discussions back in 2022 to decide which direction to go with this, however, no decisions have been made yet. Shannon explained what the potential impacts could be, and explained that there may possibly need to be legislative changes made, and DCF may possibly request additional state funding to make DSS budgets whole on a temporary basis.

BUDGET AND FUNDING UPDATE

Shannon provided the committee with a Budget Comparison Report which included revenues and expenses from January through November 2024, which was the most recent report available. Shannon explained that although the expenses are accurate through November, the State Aid Revenue account balance only includes 66% FFP administrative cost reimbursement for expenses through September 2024 as the Child Support Agency is only reimbursed on a quarterly basis and the 4th quarter reimbursements won't be received until approximately January 30, 2025.

Shannon informed the committee that Ron Skallerud recently signed the State/County Contract for 2025. The funding amount included in the contract is approximately \$500 more than the preliminary funding amounts provided in July 2024.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

Shannon updated members on the status of the Child Support Agency's performance and provided a handout for November 2024, which was the most recent report available. Shannon explained how the CSA's performance compared to the prior 2023 FFY. Shannon also provided the committee with final performance numbers for FFY 2024.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR STAFF

None to approve at this time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY LAW

None

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be in approximately three months or sooner if there's something that needs committee approval. Shannon will reach out to the committee with potential dates and times to meet when it's time to schedule the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Augustin to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., second by Dewing. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

***These minutes are not official and subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Child Support Committee meeting.**