



FOREST COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025
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 DECEMBER 18, 2024, CHILD SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Augustin to approve the minutes, second by Dewing. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

LEGISLATIVE AND PROGRAM

Shannon updated the committee on the status of the federal IV-E policy change regarding referrals to child support for children in out-of-home care (OHC). There is a pending bill that removes the assignment to the state of child support orders and arrears when a child enters foster care. The bill also removes the role of DCF and a county department in providing child support referrals and collecting child support for families with children in OHC except if DCF or a county department determines that such a referral is appropriate under rules to be promulgated by DCF. The bill eliminates from the Juvenile Justice Code requirements that the juvenile court order child support, except for modification of existing orders, and order the parents of a juvenile under DCF supervision to contribute towards the costs of certain sanctions, dispositions, or placements. In Governor Evers 2025-27 proposed state budget, he is

recommending providing an increase of \$1.2M GPR to provide child welfare agencies with funding to make up for the reduction in child support funds.

Shannon informed the committee that there is a pending bill to eliminate birth cost recovery. Under current law, as a condition of eligibility for benefits under the Medical Assistance program, a person is deemed to have assigned to the state by applying for or receiving benefits under the Medical Assistance program any rights to medical support or other payment of medical expenses from any other person. Current law further provides that if a mother of a child was enrolled in a health maintenance organization or other prepaid health care plan under the Medical Assistance program at the time of the child's birth, then birth expenses that were incurred by the health maintenance organization or other prepaid health care plan all may be recovered by the state. The bill provides that no birth expenses may be recovered by the state under this process. Child support agencies currently receive 15% of any Medicaid collections the child support agency receives from a father. In Governor Evers 2025-27 proposed state budget, he is recommending providing an additional \$650,000 GPR per year to offset the revenue loss. Shannon provided information as to what the child support agency received for birth cost recovery in prior years, and explained what the potential budget impacts would be.

BUDGET AND FUNDING UPDATES

Shannon provided the committee with a Budget Comparison Report which included final revenues and expenses for CY 2024. The report showed that the total levy amount spent on the child support department for 2024 was \$56,762.51 which was less than budgeted levy amount of \$70,720.00.

Shannon provided the committee with a Budget Comparison Report which shows YTD revenue and expenses through February 2025. Shannon explained that although the expenses are accurate through February, the State Aid revenue account balance shows \$0.00 as they only receive the 66% FFP administrative cost reimbursement on a quarterly basis so we won't see the reimbursement for the first quarter administrative expenses until April 30th.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

Shannon updated members on the status of the child support agency's performance and provided a report for February 2025, which was the most recent report available. Shannon explained how the CSA's performance compared to the prior 2024 FFY.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR STAFF

Shannon requested approval for staff to travel as follows:

- Approval for Shannon Boney to attend a Regional Child Support Leadership meeting in Wausau on May 21st.
- Approval for Shannon Boney to attend the Directors' Dialogue in Madison on September 15th through 16th.

- Approval for Shannon Boney, Nancy Donek, and Paul Payant (or Chelsea Payant) to attend the WCSEA Board Meeting/WCSEA Fall Conference in Appleton on October 7th through October 10th.

Shannon explained the travel expenses for these meetings/conferences were included in the 2025 budget. The Committee provided the proper signatures required on the Travel Requisition for all three meetings/conferences.

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 Dewing to adjourn at 5:50 p.m., second by Augustin. 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.**