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**BAYFIELD COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Courthouse Conference Room B
Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 4:30 pm

Committee Member Present: Jim Crandall, Ann Green, Lona Schmidt, Mary Skerik, Dale and Nancy Johnson.

Committee Members Absent: Maxine Babineau and Susan Davis.

Staff Present: Anita Haukaas, Tom Moran, Elizabeth (Peppy) Skulan, and Nina Bucher.

Call to order and introductions: Anita called the meeting to order at 4:35pm and introductions were made.

Review of tentative agenda: The agenda was reviewed and motion made to approve by Jim Crandall, seconded by Lona Schmidt.

Review of 9/16/2008 minutes: No corrections were cited so a motion to approve was made by Mary Skerik, seconded by Lona Schmidt.

Foster Parent Award Presentation: Tom Moran, Family Services Social Worker, explained that in October of 2008, he and fellow Social Worker Karla Hasart wrote a letter of recommendation to the State regarding a special Bayfield County licensed foster family. The newly created "2008 Adoptive Parent Award" was to be given to five worthy families in the State of Wisconsin. In their letter, Tom and Karla described the events where this young couple, Jon and Tiffany Turner, cared for and eventually adopted a special needs newborn who was born three months prematurely and not expected to live. Three years later, the child is successfully walking, eating, and functioning well in this loving family. The Turners won the award and traveled to Madison with Tom and Karla to receive the award.

Staffing update: Anita relayed that Amy Lehoullier is out on maternity leave and is scheduled to return 2/20/2009.

Service Review: Anita informed the group of the programs administered by the Family Services section of BCDHS and the staff associated with those programs. They are: Child Protective Services-Tom Moran, Karla Hasart and Amy Lehoullier; Juvenile Justice/Delinquency-Denise Bailey; AODA-Cheryl Hanson; Mental Health-Diane Heapy; and Foster Care/Out of home placements-Karla Hasart.

Staff Trainings: The Family Services staff members recently attended the following training sessions: "Dirty House Training" (to help assess sanitation of homes with endangered children); AIM (discussing a new assessment tool for inmates); Person Centered Planning (regarding Community

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Support Services and outcomes/Individual Service Plans and discharge planning from the beginning); and Lifeskills for Business Leadership Training (provided by Red Cliff ICW).

Funding: Anita reiterated from the last meeting that the IV-E funds traditionally used to cover direct services will be reduced by 30% in 2009, and then eliminated in 2010. To fill the gap for direct services in 2009, the BLoCS grants will be discontinued. It is uncertain at this time how BCDHS will address the additional reduction in 2010. Green asked if county monies that will be recouped as a result of Family Care implementation can be used to continue these services. Anita said that Peppy and Denise Kontny (BCDHS Financial Manager) have worked hard to cover the large 2008 overages in Mental Health and out of home placements.

Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare Update: Red Cliff and BCDHS recently had a staffing to discuss the out of home placements of Native American children. Although out of home placement can be ordered by the Tribal Court, the placements are funded by BCDHS as required by law, so it is important to have a good working relationship.

Future Meeting: It was agreed that the quarterly Tuesday evening meetings at the Courthouse worked out well for members. The next Family Services Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at 4:30pm at the Courthouse, in conference room B.

Adjournment: At 5:25 p.m., Lona made a motion to adjourn and Jim seconded.

Minutes submitted by,

Nina K. Bucher, Clerk III