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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee

FROM: Mary Anich, Family Services Manager

DATE: July 8th, 2021

RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. While this meeting will take place in conference room A in the lower level of the courthouse offering the opportunity to attend in person, we recommend that people attend remotely via phone by calling 866-516-3949 at the start of the meeting and entering participant code 1642457.

Notice is hereby given, in the event the standing committee does not have a quorum, the County Board Chair or Vice Chair may act as an ex officio member (County ordinance, Chapter 3, section 2-3-1(c)).

Any person planning to attend the meeting that has a disability requiring special accommodations should contact the Human Services receptionist at 373-6144 ext. 110, 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

The agenda includes: minute review/adoption; public comment opportunity; staffing update; program reports; informational items and future meeting dates.

c: Dennis Pocerlich , County Board Chair
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BAYFIELD COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lona Schmidt (Chair)
Beverly Lindell

Nancy & Dale Johnson
Bev Patterson
Kylie Vadnais

Mary Dougherty
Wayne Crozier

RE: July 14, 2021 Family Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members:

Please be advised that the quarterly meeting of the Bayfield County Family Services Advisory Committee will be held on **Wednesday, July 14th 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** in Conference Room A in the lower level of the Courthouse, Washburn Wisconsin.

We strongly recommend that people attend remotely via phone by calling 866-516-3949 at the start of the meeting and entering participant code 1642457.

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The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to order and introductions
2. **Discussion and Possible Action**-Review of 4/14/21 meeting minutes.
3. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)

4. Staffing updates
5. Program Reports
6. Informational Items
7. Future meeting dates: 10/13/21.
8. Adjournment

Thank you and have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,

Mary Anich

Mary Anich, Family Services Section Manager

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes are subject to change before approval at next FSAC meeting

Courthouse Conference Room A-remote
Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present via telephone: Wayne Crozier, Bev Lindell , Dale and Nancy Johnson, Kylie Vadnais and Bev Patterson.

Others Present: Cheryl Hanson, Mary Anich (Family Services Section Manager), and Nina Bucher (Support Staff).

Committee Members Excused: Lona Schmidt.

Committee Members Absent: Mary Dougherty.

Introductions and Call to order: In Lona's absence, Cheryl ran the meeting and called to order at 4:35.

Minute Approval: Bev L made a motion to approve the January 13, 2021 FSAC meeting minutes as written. Dale seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

Program Presentation-Introduction to the new Family Services Manager, Mary Anich: Cheryl relayed that her last day with the County was today, and Mary Anich has taken over as the new Family Services Manager. Mary explained that she has been with Bayfield County Family Services for 4.5 years as a Youth Justice Worker. Before that, she worked for Waupaca County for 26 years in Child Welfare and is knowledgeable in Human Services. Mary said that although she and Cheryl have been working in tandem for three weeks, she will face many new challenges including budgets, grants and behavioral health. BCDHS is actively recruiting and Youth Justice worker to fill her vacancy.

Staffing Update: Since the January meeting: Isabel Gregersen began employment on February 8 as a Behavioral Health Social Worker; Ashley Miller started as a Child Protective Services worker from Sawyer County DHS; and Lindsey Friederick is just finishing her Master's degree and will begin as a Behavioral Health Social Worker on May 24, 2021.

Program reports: An increase in behavioral health issues including emergency detentions and third-party petitions is occurring currently. This is not surprising due to the pandemic easing up. There are more Child Protective Services cases involving domestic violence and substance abuse, as well a rise in youth justice referrals. Family Services staff are working to help troubleshoot truancy issues with the schools.

Cheryl informed the group that the CCS and CSP programs are now under a separate section that have their own coordination committee, and are not therefore Family Services programs.

Informational Items: Mary, Isabel and Cheryl toured the new offices of Red Cliff's Indian Child Welfare (RCICW). The new offices will provide more space and privacy. RCICW asked if Family Services/Bayfield County could take over one of their cases. This shows respect for what we do, and trust.

Cheryl has spoken to Mark Abeles-Allison about the importance of staff having the option to work from home after the pandemic.

The group wished Cheryl a nice, happy retirement and new adventure!

Future Meetings: The possibility of the July meeting being held in person/via video conferencing/and via phone was discussed. All may be an option decided in early July depending on the safety climate. 2021 meetings will continue quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month on July 14th, and October 13th.

Adjournment: Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wayne seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

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