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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee
FROM: Cheryl Hanson, Family Services Manager
DATE: January 2nd, 2018
RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Courthouse, conference room A, Washburn.

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; program presentation: "What is the Family Services Advisory Committee"; staffing update; Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare update; program reports and funding information; informational items and future meeting dates.

c:

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BAYFIELD COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lona Schmidt (Chair)
Beverly Lindell

Nancy & Dale Johnson
John Blahnik
Bev Patterson

Susan Davis
Jeremy Oswald

RE: January 9, 2018 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 Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A in the lower level of the Courthouse, Washburn Wisconsin.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Department of Human Services at 715-373-6144, extension 110, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangement can be made.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to order and introductions
2. **Discussion and Possible Action**-Review of 9/19/17 meeting minutes/notes.
3. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)
4. Program presentation: What is the Family Services Advisory Committee and what do we do?
5. Staffing updates
6. Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare update
7. Program updates

- A. AODA/MH update
- B. Child Protective Services update
- C. Juvenile Justice update

8. Informational Items

- A.
- B.

9. Future meeting dates are quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm:

- A. April 10, 2018
- B. July 10, 2018
- C. October 9, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Thank you and have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hanson

Cheryl Hanson, 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
Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: John Blahnik, Bev Lindell, Lona Schmidt, Susan Davis, Jeremy Oswald, and Bev Patterson.

Committee Members Absent: Nancy and Dale Johnson.

Others Present: Cheryl Hanson, Elizabeth Skulan (Peppy) and Nina Bucher from BCDHS.

Call to order and introductions: Lona called the meeting to order at 4:30 and introductions were made.

Minute Approval: John made a motion to approve minutes from the 11/29/16 and 3/21/17 FSAC meetings as written. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

New Family Services Manager introduction: Cheryl said she has been with Bayfield County Human Services Family Services section since March 2008, and has background in child welfare, library administration, and most recently Mental Health/AODA services coordination. She is excited about her new position and learning many new things with the help of her staff and other managers.

New FSAC member introduction: Bev Patterson said she is a retired Child Support Director with experience in child welfare and social work who is very active in the community through volunteering and serving on charitable boards/committees.

Arrowhead Juvenile Detention Center update: Cheryl relayed that Family Services will continue to contract with Arrowhead in Duluth in 2018. Arrowhead allows better access for law enforcement and families because it is much closer than the Wausau or Eau Claire juvenile detention alternatives. Their rates will remain the same for 2018.

A question on the status of Lincoln Hills was raised and Peppy replied the facility was still open, and the only state-run juvenile corrections center for both boys and girls in Wisconsin.

Family Services staffing update: Due to Ben Sheppard's resignation and reorganization within, the one position advertised is for a Juvenile Justice worker. This posting closes October 1st.

Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare (RCICW) update: The Family Services/Red Cliff monthly meetings are still occurring with the last one taking place via phone on Wednesday, September 13th. RCICW Director Leah Thaldorf resigned and Gretchen Morris has taken her

place. Thanks to a funding increase from the BIA, RCICW will be hiring three new workers and a support staff person.

Program updates: Cheryl reported that the number of Emergency Detentions (EDs) were down over the last couple months, but that the hospitalizations have been more serious and involved.

Jeremy, who works for Northlakes Community Clinic responded to a question about the Health Center Funding Cliff which threatens to take away Federal funding used to allow the Clinic to offer a sliding fee scale to patients who qualify. Jeremy said the "cliff" is supposed to occur on September 30, 2017 unless legislation passes to continue funding in some form.

The Indian Child Welfare Continuous Quality Improvement Project review of Bayfield County took place earlier this year and results were positive. The review occurs approximately every three years and assesses the compliance of the County to follow Indian Child Welfare requirements by reviewing several cases.

New Horizons North is contracted regionally by Bayfield and Ashland Counties and must submit an annual Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) plan to the State for approval. Final edits are being completed before sending it to WI Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) for review before submission.

Budget Update: Peppy explained that the 2018 Human Services budget has been submitted to the County Administrator/County Board for approval. For 2017, all HS sections are balanced except Family Services. While there are some additional revenues to offset the shortage, the Department will request approximately one million dollars in additional spending authority. Projections currently indicate that the Department will need an additional \$280,000 in county levy to balance the budget. The overage is due to expensive placements for complex individuals, many with dual diagnoses but the costs are driven primarily by mental health/behavioral health issues. Only court ordered services are being provided.

Informational Items: A member asked what the role of the FSAC and it's members were. The response was to input and act on Family Services issues/plans, be a liaison between Family Services and the public, and Peppy said she would distribute some more specific information before the next meeting.

Peppy said the Bayfield County Health Department was offering human sex trafficking training, and she would like all in Human Services to participate to help recognize signals.

Future Meetings: Quarterly FSAC meeting dates will continue to be held at 4:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month in January, April, July, and October. For 2018, they will be 1/9/18, 4/10/18, 7/10/18, and 10/9/18.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

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