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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee
FROM: Cheryl Hanson, Family Services Manager
DATE: April 3rd, 2018
RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 10th, 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: "Teen Court and Delinquency Cases"; staffing update; Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare update; program reports; informational items and future meeting dates.

c:

Dennis Pocerlich , County Board Chair
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Human Services Board
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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: April 10, 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, April 10th, 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 1/9/18 meeting minutes.
3. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)
4. Program presentation: "Teen Court and Delinquency Cases"-Mary Anich
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. FSAC Handbook draft
 - B. Program suggestions
 - C.

9. Future meeting dates are quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm:
 - A. July 10, 2018
 - B. 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, January 9th, 2018 at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: John Blahnik, Dale Johnson, Jeremy Oswald, Bev Patterson and Susan Davis (joined the meeting at 4:37pm).

Committee Members Excused: Lona Schmidt and Bev Lindell

Others Present: Larry Fickbohm (Bayfield County Board), Cheryl Hanson (Family Services Section Manager), Elizabeth Skulan (Bayfield County Department of Human Services Director) and Nina Bucher (Support Staff).

Call to order and introductions: Due to Lona's absence (Committee Chairman), Jeremy Oswald acted as Chair for the meeting. Jeremy called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and introductions were made around the room.

Minute Approval: John made a motion, seconded by Bev P. to approve minutes from the 9/19/17 FSAC meetings as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

Presentation-"What is the Family Services Advisory Committee and what do we do?": After handing out a list of roles, responsibilities and expectations of advisory committee members, Cheryl explained that the Family Services Advisory Committee (FSAC) is specific to the Family Services section and may make recommendations to the Human Services Board regarding Family Service issues. FSAC members are the eyes and ears in the community to identify/relay unmet needs/issues back to Family Services. They are also responsible to promote and inform citizens of what Family Services does and the programs they offer in the community. Advisory committee members apply and are then appointed by the Human Services Board.

Family Services staffing update: Three positions are currently open in Family Services: Social Work Aide, Social Work Intern, and Family Specialist. The Family Specialist vacancy is the most crucial to fill, but interviewed applicants have not been a match to date. The Family Specialists goes into homes and works with families to help create a safe, healthy environment for children to flourish in. This may include teaching parenting skills, developing routines for hygiene/cleanliness, nutrition, learning, and anything else that will help families become functional. Cheryl said they will continue to advertise and interview for these three vacancies and details may be found on the County website. Although turnover is naturally high in the social work field, Cheryl's goal is to keep Family Services fully staffed with competent engaged employees.

Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare (RCICW) update: Red Cliff received a grant for child welfare staffing and they now have six people employed: Gretchen Morris (Director), an office manager, a case aide, and three staff members in the field. This increase in staff has cut down on their calls to Family Services for help on cases, yet Family Services and RCICW still have monthly meetings to discuss common cases/issues. Cheryl said the relationship remains positive, professional, and beneficial to both Departments.

Program updates: Cheryl reported a total of 54 adult and 6 youth Emergency Detentions (EDs) in 2017 and there have been four so far in 2018. Hopefully the trend of more individuals carrying/qualifying for health insurance to pay for hospitalization will continue.

Two movies featuring Family Services issues will be shown in the community. Northlakes Community Clinic presents "Resilience", a documentary on adverse child experiences that will be shown in Iron River and Washburn. Post movie discussion will take place. The Bayfield County Health Department has purchased "Written Off", a documentary about opiate addiction. Family Services is working with the Health Department to promote and show this film throughout the County.

Informational Items: Cheryl shared that the Foster Parent Dinner held in Port Wing at the Bear Paw Café in December was tremendous! Everyone had a good time with a nice meal and presents for the children.

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. Future 2018 meeting dates are 4/10/18, 7/10/18, and 10/9/18.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

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