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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee
FROM: Cheryl Hanson, Family Services Manager
DATE: October 7th, 2020
RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 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; program presentation "Child Protection During the Pandemic"; Staffing update; Program reports; informational items and future meeting dates.

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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: October 14, 2020 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, October 14th, 2020 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.

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 7/8/2020 meeting minutes.
3. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)

4. Program presentation: Child Protection During the Pandemic-Melissa Huempfer
5. Staffing update
6. Program Reports
7. Informational Items
 - A. Forensic Interview Room
 - B. Juvenile Crisis Bed in Ashland
8. Future meeting dates: 1/13/21, 4/14/21, 7/14/21 & 10/13/21.
9. 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 B
Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present via telephone: Wayne Crozier, Lona Schmidt, Bev Patterson, Nancy and Dale Johnson.

Committee Members Excused: Bev Lindell (had trouble connecting via phone).

Committee Members Absent: Mary Dougherty.

Others Present: Stacy Schmidt (Foster and Kinship Care Coordinator), Cheryl Hanson (Family Services Section Manager, (Support Staff).

Introductions and Call to order: After Cheryl relayed who was in attendance, Lona called the meeting to order at 4:38.

Minute Approval: Dale made a motion to approve the October 2019 and January 2020 FSAC meeting minutes as written. Wayne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

Foster Care in Bayfield County: Stacy explained she has been a social worker with Bayfield County for 11 years and is now the Foster Care and Kinship Care Coordinator. She licenses all the foster homes in the County, except those on the Red Cliff reservation that are licensed through Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare. Both Kinship and Foster care are out of home placements, with Kinship care being placed with a relative and getting a small monthly dollar amount to help with costs. A larger monthly amount is paid to Foster homes, because they require extensive training, background checks and license requirements. Although Red Cliff places the native children, Bayfield County is the fiscal agent that pays for all the placements in the County (manages the funding). There are currently 10 foster homes in Bayfield County (mostly in the Iron River/Oulu area) and 30 on the Red Cliff reservation. Currently, more foster homes are needed in the Washburn and southern part of the County. Statistics for May 2020 show 51 children (34 families) in out of home placement at a cost of approximately \$46,200. Face-to face visits with the children are required monthly, although some have been allowed to take place via video/telephone during the COVID-19 crisis. The children are technically in the custody of Bayfield County so must be sure they are in safe situations.

Staffing Update: Cheryl reported that Chris Beirl took a lateral move from Family Specialist to CCS Program Facilitator, Presley Nuutinen was hired as the new Family Specialist, Jenn Dietrich has reduced her CCS Program Facilitator hours to part time, and Tom Croteau starts on July 27th as the new CCS Program Manager. The AODA Social Worker and vacant CCS Program Facilitator openings are currently in the interviewing stage.

Program reports: Child Abuse and Neglect reports continue to require face-to-face contact by staff during the pandemic and are on the rise. There are currently three challenging teen placements in Youth Justice. The number of mental health and substance abuse non-voluntary hospitalization cases has ballooned. It has been increasingly difficult to find permanent placements for out-of-home children during the pandemic.

Other Informational Items: Cheryl said there was no field work being done in the outbreak areas.

Future Meetings: Future meetings will continue quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month on October 14, 2020 and January 13th, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

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