



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Department of Social Services
Date: Monday, April 8th, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Health Service Center Board Room, 1225 Langlade Rd., Antigo WI 54409

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Reminder to silence cell phones
3. Reminder that meeting will be recorded per County policy
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
5. Recognize members to be excused – Motion to excuse Richard Hurlbert, by Benishek, seconded by Cahak. All ayes. Motion carried.

DSS COMMITTEE		
Name	Role	Status
Vern Cahak	Committee Chair	Present
Richard Hurlbert	Committee Member	Absent
Robert Benishek	Committee Member	Present
John Breske	Committee Member	Present
Doug Nonnenmacher	Committee Member	Present
Non-Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Sheila Rine	Administrative Assistant	
Patsy Rolo	Economic Support Supervisor	
Tracy Chernetski	CFS Supervisor	
Ben Dahms	Narcotics Anonymous	

6. Approve previous meeting minutes (March 11th, 2019). Motion by Benishek, seconded by Cahak to approve the minutes from March 11th, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas – None
8. Review departmental budget presented to the committee – Budget was reviewed.
9. Presentation by Ben Dahms on Narcotics Anonymous – Dahms gave information on the Narcotics Anonymous program that he helps facilitate. Dahms stated he does go into the jail on Sundays to have a meeting, along with meetings held at the Aspirus Hospital. Currently, there are around 20-30 individuals who attend the meetings. Benishek stated that he would

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like to know what the counties plan is, as there is a lot of money being spent and Benishek feels the County Board should be doing more. Breske stated that Dahms will be at the County Board meeting tomorrow night where the sober living facility will be discussed.

10. Correspondence and Reports:

- a. Update from Economic Support and Energy Assistance – Rolo passed around her report. Economic Support is fully staffed. Rolo stated that energy appointments are still available and there will be an ad going in the Shopper this week. Disconnections will happen on April 15th, so more calls for appointments should be coming in.
- b. Update from Children and Family Services – Chernetski passed around her report. 18 screened in for March with 32 screened out. 18 cases closed through initial assessment. April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, so there will be a meet and greet open house on April 25th from 3-6 p.m. in the Health Service Center Boardroom. If anyone is interested in attending, please RSVP to Stephanie Umland.
- c. Update from Youth Justice – Rolo passed around Craig Hotchkiss's report. This was reviewed and discussed.
- d. Legislative Update – No update.

11. Directors Report and Personnel Update

- a. Proposal to create full time foster care coordinator position: Review of job description and request to create this position will be taken up by Personnel next month when Ron returns from vacation. If Personnel approves, request will be sent to Executive and then full County Board for approval. Funding for this position is already in the budget – Chernetski reviewed this position which has been discussed at previous meetings. Motion by Breske, seconded by Cahak to move forward with creating a full time foster care coordinator position. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. Conference and Workshop attendance for staff and/or committee members - Motion by Benishek, seconded by Breske to allow any member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Old Business:

- a. Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD)/ADHOC sober living committee meeting – A public meeting was held March 26th at NTC and Cahak stated he had attended. There was good attendance and good conversation.
- b. Written off movie shown on March 17th at 3:00 p.m. at the Palace Theater, followed by a panel discussion – Good turnout with about 40 people attending.

14. Referrals and Recommendations for the May meeting – None

15. Set date for next regular meeting: May 13th, 2019 at the Health Service Center Board Room at 1:00 PM.

16. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nonnenmacher, seconded by Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
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