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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee
FROM: Mary Anich, Family Services Manager
DATE: January 4, 2023
RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in conference room A in the lower level of the courthouse with remote attendance options below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Phone Conference ID: 695 650 044#

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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)).

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

c: Dennis Pocerlich, County Board Chair
Lynn Divine, County Clerk
Human Services Board
Elizabeth Skulan, BCDHS Director
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BAYFIELD COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lona Schmidt (Chair)
Beverly Lindell

Nancy & Dale Johnson
Bev Patterson

Mary Dougherty

RE: January 11th, 2023 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 January 11th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** The meeting will originate in Conference Room A in the lower level of the Courthouse, Washburn Wisconsin. Remote participation is available via Microsoft Teams or by phone using the information listed below:

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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 7/13/22 meeting minutes.
3. Review of 10/12/22 meeting notes (was not a quorum)
4. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)
5. New committee member recruitment
6. Staffing updates
7. Program Reports - Youth justice overview 2011 to present
8. Informational Items
9. 2023 meeting dates: April 12, July 12, and October 11.
10. Adjournment

Thank you and have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,

Mary Anich

Mary Anich, Family Services Section Manager

c: Elizabeth Skulan, BCDHS Director
Lynn Divine, BC Clerk

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

Minutes are subject to change before approval at next FSAC meeting

Courthouse Conference Room A & Remote
Wednesday, July 13th, 2022, at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Mary Dougherty, Lona Schmidt, Bev Patterson, Nancy & Dale Johnson, Bev Lindell (all via telephone)

Committee Members Absent: Wayne Crozier

Others Present: Mary Anich (Family Services Section Manager), Elizabeth Skulan-Peppy (Human Services Director) and Sarah Traaholt (Support Staff).

Introductions and Call to order: Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Minute Approval: Schmidt made a motion to approve the April 13th, 2022, FSAC meeting minutes as written. Lindell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

New Committee Member/Recruitment/Resignation: Committee member vacancy remains open due to Kylie Vadnais' resignation. Human Services is working on advertising for the position. Application for Citizen Committee Member can be found on the Bayfield County website under employment <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bayfieldco>. Opportunities on how to spread the word about the vacancy were discussed.

Staffing Updates: Anich noted that Tom Croteau, as of July 1st, has taken over supervision of both Behavioral Health Case Manager positions. One position is filled by Evan Maki and the other Behavioral Health Case Manager position has been posted, as August Gordon has transitioned from Behavioral Health Case Manager to the Youth Justice Case Manager. Anich and Croteau have been co-supervising since 2021 and will continue to work closely as the behavioral health staff offices remain in the Family Services section; services provided by both sections continue to overlap; and on-call and youth intake rotation will still be a part of the behavioral health position duties.

Recruitment continues for vacant Child Protective Services Case Manager position.

Anich stated that Bayfield County is fortunate to have valued and quality staff who continue to grow in skill and knowledge of these complex programs.

Program reports: Anich reports there is an uptick in challenging cases and behaviors, especially with one youth. Resources are sparse and have proven even more so with complex cases which results in frustrations with both clients and staff. Ashley Miller, August Gordon and Anich met with the Resources Connection team through Wisconsin Association of Family and

Children's Agencies to present the difficulty in placing a difficult youth case and to ask for help in finding other resources.

Foster homes are currently at capacity in Bayfield County which is making placement difficult. Briana Aldaba, Foster/Kinship Coordinator is working on securing additional foster homes in our area.

There will be a foster care recruitment meet and greet from 3-7 p.m. on July 28th at Moon Lake Campground pavilions. Interested folks can just drop by for information. Patterson stated she would help spread the word about the foster home event and need for homes at her church.

Anich and Briana Aldaba met with Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare (ICW) for monthly joint staffing of out of home cases where Bayfield County serves as fiscal agent for a large portion of Red Cliff's placements. This also includes gathering information on new and ongoing cases and adhering to state and federal documentation and requirements for out of home placements. Red Cliff and Bayfield County continue to have different legal opinions on how Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations that include tribal children living on the reservation must be conducted. However, Red Cliff continues to do an excellent job of taking care of their community and both organizations end goals remain the same.

Youth Justice court referrals are down. Many cases are now being handled without court involvement.

Informational Items:

Anich and Richard Kamm continue to attend "Applied Learning Communities" training focused on CPS danger threats. Training helps to identify and examine present and impending danger while screening child protective services reports.

Schmidt inquired if the new Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) software was working well. Anich reported that Kamm has only been able to use it for one case, but it is hopeful that it will be much better than the previous screening document.

Lindell inquired about extra money for mental health in the wake of all of the school shootings. Skulan reported that the Wisconsin County Association is lobbying the State for more money for mental health needs, highly geared toward youth participants.

Family Services section will have a unit retreat on Friday, July 15.

Future Meetings: Meetings will continue quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month with the last 2022 meeting falling on October 12th.

Adjournment: Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Traaholt

Sarah Traaholt

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FSAC) MEETING NOTES**

These meeting notes are not official due to the lack of a quorum

Courthouse Conference Room A & Remote
Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, at 4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Mary Dougherty, Lona Schmidt, and Bev Lindell (all via telephone)

Committee Members Excused: Wayne Crozier

Committee Members Absent: Bev Patterson, Nancy & Dale Johnson.

Others Present: Mary Anich (Family Services Section Manager), Elizabeth Skulan-Peppy (Human Services Director), Briana Aldaba (Foster Care Case Manager) and Nina Bucher (Support Staff).

Introductions and Call to order: Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Minute Approval: No Actions taken due to lack of a quorum

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

New Committee Member/Recruitment/Resignation: Wayne Crozier has resigned so now the Committee has two vacancies to fill. Members were asked to contact Mary Anich with any suggested applicants. The vacancies will be advertised listing the roles and responsibilities for advisory committee members so applicants are aware of what it entails. Application for Citizen Committee Membership can be found on the Bayfield County website under employment <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bayfieldco>.

Staffing Updates: Anich reported three resignations (two left for other positions in the area, one for school) leaving openings for two child protective services workers and a youth justice worker. Recruiting has been slow.

Michelle Arganbright has joined Family Services as a case worker and is busy completing training. Briana Aldaba recently completed the five-day forensic interviewing training to become one of four child interviewers in the Chequamegon area.

Bayfield County contracted with Ashland County to cover for Anich during vacation, and she is very thankful.

Program reports: Foster Care Case Manager Briana Aldaba gave a presentation on Foster Care & Kinship. Currently there are 17 Bayfield County licensed providers and 36 Tribal licensed providers in Bayfield County. There is one Bayfield County child placed in a foster home; two others Bayfield County children are placed in higher needs out of home placements; there are 30 Red Cliff children currently placed in foster care by the Tribal Court

whose placements Bayfield County are fiscally responsible for; and there are eight Bayfield County children placed in Kinship care – these children are placed with other family members when their parents are unable to care for them. There are 10 out of county children placed in BC foster homes because they cannot find housing within their own counties.

Family Services may be applying for new grant opportunity that was issued in early October to address high needs out-of-home placements by funding trainings and support.

Aldaba described a foster care recruitment event held in June that was attended by four providers and children in Iron River that included games, swimming and face painting. A back to school event was held in August for foster care and kinship children where backpacks with school supplies were distributed. A December event is being planned, along with more activities next year to unite providers.

Aldaba is in the process of licensing two new homes, and has two more interested.

Informational Items:

The 2022 Rec Cliff 161 Agreement has been completed and signed by both parties. Wisconsin Act 161 became effective March 23, 1984. The Act creates a mechanism for County Human Services to make payments for costs of out-of-home placements of Indian children when the placement is ordered by a Tribal Court and the county and the Tribe have entered into a written agreement regarding the circumstances under which such payments will be made. The agreement is negotiated each year based on need.

Future Meetings: Meetings will continue quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month with the 2023 meetings landing on 1/11, 4/12, 7/12, & 10/11.

Adjournment: Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

Nina Bucher

2011 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals		
Cases	113		Closed	42
Juveniles	99		DPA	16
Native American	39		Petition	41
African American	1		Consent D	5
Caucasian	50		Grand Total	104
Hispanic	1			
Unknown	8	99		
Male	81			
Female	18	99	Needs to match	
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	12			

2012 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals		
Cases	101		Closed	28
Juveniles	64		DPA	19
Native American	30		Petition	48
African American	1		Consent Decree	4
Asian	1		Grand Total	99
Caucasian	25			
Hispanic	0			
Unknown	7	64		
Male	53			
Female	11	64		
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	19			
		Needs to match		

2013 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals		
Cases	53		Closed	21
Juveniles	45		DPA	12
Native American	14		Petition	13
African American	3		Consent Decree	0
Asian	0		Grand Total	46
Caucasian	28			
Hispanic	0			
Unknown	0	45		
Male	30			
Female	15	45		
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	6			
		Needs to match		

2014 Grand Totals (January - December)					
	#	Totals			
Cases	71		Closed	25	
Juveniles	38		DPA	9	
Native American	10		Extended DPA*	2	
African American	2		Petition	28	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	0	
Caucasion	26		Transferred	7	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	71	71
Unknown	0	38			
Male	29				
Female	9	38			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	13				
	Needs to match				
			*Do Not include in dashboard info		

2015 Grand Totals (January - December)					
	#	Totals			
Cases	59		Closed	19	
Juveniles	39		DPA	9	
Native American	9		Extended DPA*	1	
African American	1		Petition	22	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	2	
Caucasion	28		Transferred	6	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	59	59
Unknown	1	39			
Male	28				
Female	11	39			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	10				
	Needs to match				
			*Do Not include in dashboard info		

2017 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	58		Closed	34	
Juveniles	45		DPA	12	
Native American	16		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	1		Petition	10	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	1	
Caucasian	26		Transferred	5	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	62	62
Unknown	2	45			
Male	35				
Female	10	45			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	13				
	Needs to match				

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2016 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	81		Closed	42	
Juveniles	57		DPA	19	
Native American	15		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	2		Petition	22	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	3	
Caucasian	40		Transferred	2	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	88	88
Unknown	0	57			
Male	48				
Female	9	57			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	14				
	Needs to match				

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2018 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	66		Closed	23	
Juveniles	40		DPA	9	
Native American	9		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	3		Petition	19	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	0	
Caucasian	25		Transferred	7	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	58	58
Unknown	3	40			
Male	27				
Female	13	40			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	26				
	Needs to match				

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2020 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	38		Closed	22	
Juveniles	31		DPA	7	
Native American	10		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	4		Petition	4	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	3	
Caucasion	13		Transferred	0	
Hispanic	2		Grand Total	36	36
Unknown	2	31			
Male	21				
Female	10	31			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	5				
	Needs to match				

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2021 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	55		Closed	28	
Juveniles	53		DPA	13	
Native American	15		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	2		Petition	6	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	3	
Caucasion	26		Transferred	0	
Hispanic	1		Grand Total	50	50
Unknown	9	53			
Male	40				
Female	13	53			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	2				
	Needs to match				

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2019 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	42		Closed	28	
Juveniles	32		DPA	6	
Native American	11		Extended DPA*	0	
African American	2		Petition	8	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	0	
Caucasion	15		Transferred	1	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	43	43
Unknown	4	32			
Male	24				
Female	8	32			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	10				
	Needs to match				

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2022 Grand Totals (January - December)

	#	Totals			
Cases	42		Closed	18	
Juveniles	29		DPA	12	
Native American	12		Extended DPA*	1	
African American	0		Petition	2	
Asian	0		Consent Decree	0	
Caucasion	16		Transferred	0	
Hispanic	0		Grand Total	33	33
Unknown	1	29			
Male	15				
Female	14	29			
Kids w/Multiple Referrals	0				
	Needs to match				

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