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TO: Family Services Advisory Committee

FROM: Mary Anich, Family Services Manager

DATE: January 5, 2022

RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Family Services Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 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; staffing update; program reports; informational items and future meeting dates.

c: Dennis Pocerlich , County Board Chair
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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: January 12th, 2022 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 12th, 2022 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 10/13/2021 meeting minutes.
3. Public comment opportunity (Limit 3 minutes please)
4. Staffing updates

5. Program Reports
6. Informational Items
7. Future meeting dates: 4/13/22, 7/13/22 & 10/12/22.
8. Adjournment

Thank you and have a safe trip home!

Sincerely,

Mary Anich

Mary Anich, 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-remote
Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 at 4:30 pm

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Mary Dougherty and Kylie Vadnais.

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

Minute Approval: Bev L made a motion to approve the July 14th, 2021 FSAC meeting minutes as written. Wayne C. seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment Opportunity: No public comment.

Staffing Update: Mary A. said that the open Youth Justice and Behavioral Health positions have now been advertised as case manager positions, in addition to social worker positions and the response has been positive. There have been several promising applicants and an employment offer was being extended to one.

Stacy Schmidt is leaving after 12 years, so there will be another opening soon to fill.

Program reports: The Family Services section is working on the Family First Initiative which is part of the state's Child Welfare Strategic Transformation plan to meet Federal law compliance. One of the key requirements of the law is to utilize qualified residential treatment programs. This includes adhering to trauma informed care principals, providing 24/7 nursing care and treating the whole family, not just the child.

Bayfield County is one of the last WI counties to switch to using the YASI assessment tool for child delinquency intakes. It aims to divert children from the justice system where appropriate and connect them with services if needed.

Mary discussed that she is the child care certifier for Bayfield County. There are three kinds of childcare to care for children. The first is a certified home that covers caring for three or less children in your home. Mary A is the certifier for this type of childcare. Certification allows the provider and parent to utilize Wisconsin Shares, which is the economic assistance program that funds child care for working adults, as well as the nutrition program funding food for the children while with the provider. The second is for groups of more than three and the state licenses those types of providers. Typically these are day care centers/businesses. The third is an uncertified home where people care for children in their home without regulation. Bayfield County Economic Development along with the Ashland Area Development Corporation are pursuing applying for a grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation that

would allow the area to hire a couple workers to work with folks interested in becoming certified daycare providers and help with the process to assist with the fairly onerous financial and task heavy application process. This may include financial compensation during the application process and to support the childcare provider's business once up and running. This would be an amazing support for potential child care providers in the Chequamegon Bay area. They anticipate serving folks in Odanah, Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, Red Cliff and surrounding areas.

Referrals and case number are up in all Family Services programs across the board. Not sure if this is due to school being back in session, or the time of the year.

Future Meetings: Meetings will continue quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month with the next meeting falling on Jan. 12, 2022.

Adjournment: Lona adjourned the meeting at at 4:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Nina Bucher

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