

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY OPTIONS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Draft minutes, scheduled for final approval at the next regular CCOPAC meeting.

Bayfield County Courthouse via Teams Meeting & Phone
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Shelli Listing (by Teams), Mary Lou Jahr (by phone), Lona Schmidt (by Teams), John Knight (by Teams), Sara Wartman (by Teams), Barb Gadbois (by Teams)

Committee Members Absent: Robyn Klobucher, Jaime Goodlet,
Staff Present: Kristin Opperman (by Teams), Heather Gilbertson (by Teams),

Call to order: Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Review/adoption of minutes from 09/8/2020 meeting

Motion by Listing to approve the 09/8/2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Knight, all in favor, motion carried.

Children's LTC Program Enrollment

- 29 kids are currently enrolled in CLTS and/or CCOP.
- 8 children have been found eligible for services and are on the waitlist.
- 2 children are waiting for a referral to be completed.
- 3 teens have transitioned out of CLTS and/or CCOP and into Adult Long-term Care.
- In 2021, five additional teens will transition over to Adult Long-term Care.

Update on CLTS Program/CCOP in response to COVID-19 pandemic and other changes/updates in 2021

- We still are not meeting Face to Face with families per State Guidelines.
- Meetings have been done over the phone and with teams meeting. It all depends on what the family is comfortable with and which mode they can use to meet with.
- The State has not brought about any new changes for meeting with families since the September meeting.
- There are 2 changes that will go into effect January 2021. Currently the county controls the CLTS budget and the waitlist. The state will now take these tasks over. The budget will be for the whole program as a state and not a county. The state will be dictating when youth are removed from the waitlist and enrolled in the program. If the child is eligible, they will be added to the waitlist if they cannot currently be enrolled in services.
- In 2021 the state will go into an online system and change a status setting next to a name on the waitlist by the 1st Tuesday of every month. Kristin will then know how many kids will need to be enrolled into services that month. Bayfield County DHS will still accept the referrals, and Kristin will complete functional screens and add any eligible youth to the wait list in the state system.
- Forward Horizons has taken over a few clients as a contract case worker and is working with 5 families and will be taking a 6th on later this month. This is working very well to help alleviate a heavy workload.

Other (informational items only):

- COVID Testing 11-5 this Thursday (December 10th) in Iron River.
- Testing will continue every other week starting in 2021, in Iron River from January through March.
- WIC – continues to function even though there are no in person appointments, we are seeing a steady increase in participants. Who can apply for WIC? – Pregnant Women or Families/Grandparents/Fathers who are taking care of kids 5 and under.
- Other services provided through the Health Department/WIC - Prenatal Care, car seats, gun locks, pack and plays, lead testing, etc.
- 1 job opportunity – Northern Regional Center, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs is looking for someone to cover the Ashland or Hayward area consisting of 5 counties. A Community Specialist to provide outreach and technical assistance to families. This position is up to 20 hours per week.
- 2021 Meetings: March 9th, June 8th, September 14th, December 14th

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion was made by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wartman, all in favor, motion carried.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:42

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Gilbertson, Clerk II, Support Staff