

January 8, 2019

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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: January 8, 2019

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy McCoy, Dale Schleeter, Carol Pearson, Tweed Shuman, Rose Gokee, Jennifer Vobornik.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Tom Hoff, Eileen Simak, Alicia Carlson, Cindy Hanus.

Guests in Attendance: none

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy, noting for the record that there was a quorum of committee members. Helen Dennis, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap and James Schlender were absent.

Agenda

A motion was made by Rose Gokee, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

There was nothing to report under this item.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Committee Reports

LCO Liaison: Rose Gokee reported the following:

- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) access reports increased from forty-five to eighty-five for the last quarter.
- ICW is short one case worker.
- There has been an increase in foster care placements from twelve to twenty-one.
- The Tribe has individuals interested in becoming foster parents, but due to staff shortages they are unable to move forward with the certification process.
- The Tribe is currently looking for a Health Director.
- The current partial government shutdown is affecting the Tribe. They are closely monitoring funding.
- Indian Health Services is relying on third party billing for revenues during the shutdown.
- The position of animal control officer has been approved in the 2019 budget.

Administration

a. **HHS By-laws Review and Update:**

As reported by Tom Hoff, Corporation Counsel has approved the final draft of the HHS By-laws. Board members were provided a copy. A motion was made by Rose Gokee, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the final draft of the HHS By-laws and forward to the full county board; motion carried.

Behavioral Health

a. **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update**

Applicants will be interviewed next Friday for the new CCS Service Facilitator position. 2018 was the start-up year for CCS. CCS role clarification issues continue between Taylor County (CCS Northern Region Fiscal Lead) and Sawyer County. The Director has arranged a conference call this Thursday with Taylor and Sawyer County staff to clarify roles and processes going forward.

Fiscal

a. **Budget Performance Report:**

A copy of the budget performance report through November was provided to the Board.

b. **Purchased Service Recap:**

A report of year-to-date expenses was provided to the Board. The financial manager noted the large increase in foster care expenses. Through November, Residential Care Center expenses are nearly double the budgeted amount of \$220,000.

Any Items for Discussion Only

- The Director reported the government shutdown could affect FoodShare recipients beyond January. If the shutdown is prolonged DHS will send out letters to those affected next week.
- Rose Gokee reported the Tribal food distribution program that is funded through the Food and Drug Administration, has enough food to last until the end of January. LCO Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) is not impacted by the government shutdown.
- The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and Veteran's Services are not affected by the shutdown at this time.
- Tom Hoff, Paul Grahovac and Dale Schleeter will attend the County Ambassador Program Wednesday, January 16, to meet with State officials regarding funding concerns for mandated county programs.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.