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Florence County Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ 6:00PM
Upstairs Conference Room

Present: Chase Erickson, Dwaine Drewa, Al Williams, Karen Thompson, Cindy Donahue, Sherry Johnson, Charles Kellstrom, Vicki Antonini, Tom Jonet

Others: Ann Price, Erica Hallgren, Janet Nanninga

Excused: None

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Kellstrom at 6:00pm. Roll call noted members present with those noted either excused or absent.

Agenda: Motion by A. Williams, supported by, C. Erickson to approve the agenda as posted. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by T. Jonet, supported by C. Erickson, to approve minutes from March 27, 2025. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Financial Reports:

Motion by S. Johnson, supported by V. Antonini, to accept April 2025 expenditures. Unanimously approved.

Unit Reports:

Child & Family Unit- Discussion & Community Services Unit Discussion:

J. Nanninga updated the Board on Children and Family Unit and the high volume of cases at this time; HSD is also reaching out to a former license foster care home to see if they would consider being a foster home for emergencies. J. Nanninga also updated on the Community Services Unit and the high-volume staff is dealing including many referrals of birth to three and CLTS programs. A Price included that our Therapist and Psychiatrist is going well in office or by zoom. HSD is not DHS 35 certified and will not be taking outside clients because we can not bill for the yet.

NIMC:

A Price updated the Board that Forest County will no longer be in the Consortium starting 2026 they were voted out and the State will take over Forest County and transition them accordingly.

Respectfully submitted by: Erica Hallgren

Coordinated Services Team (CST):

A Price informed the Board on how the program will be moving forward and to have new staff taking over and learning the WRAP around services for the program.

Recovery Coach:

A Price informed the Board that this position has been terminated by Federal decision.

Directors Reports:

a. Policy and Procedure Updates

There are 2 policies, one for HSD/Collections/Repayment Policy and for CLTS Conflict of interest Policy, these were discussed in length along with questions on APS/CPS which cases would be referred to another county.

b. Legislative Update from WCHSA Conference

A Price updated the board on the conference and what may be being cut for funding from the Legislative Committee.

c. Staffing Updates & Office Space

The office space that is in HSD budget along with our square footage which we use as a part of our indirect costs and use monthly towards AMSO is going to now be used for Rainbow House, Intern, Therapist and Psychologist. If there is going to be a change in this HSD would have to know what clientele would be coming in for confidentiality reasons, we would have to get the square footage changed which would be difficult because we are now looking at 2027 because we now sent out all of our staff ratios to Diversified Service Network for the 2026 figures.

d. OST Update & Supportive Housing Option

A Price informed the board on what OST is, who is on the task force and what they would like to do with the funds they have and are going to receive. They would like to use the funds for supportive housing and would like to purchase a house. A Price was asking the Board to sign a letter in support of this. There is a grant that they would like to apply for it would be a 70,000 grant and needs to be completed by the end of June. A Price also informed the board on the housing for individuals that would be staying there, this would be housing for diversion, AODA, Mental Health and Homelessness. There was much discussion on this and many concerns. How would this property be maintained and how will it be sustained, no longer on the tax roll, does the County now own this what about liability, numbers on how many individuals would have used it since the beginning of the year? As of right now the Human Services Board does not have enough information on this letter to sign it and it was tabled.

e. Pacifica Van Purchase-Additional HSD Vehicle Purchase

The new mini-van should be shipped mid-June.

Committee Comments for Future Agenda Items

There was a suggestion for more numbers on HSD unit reports so there is something to compare to.

Next meeting: August 7, 2025 (budget hearing) at 6:00pm in Upstairs Conference Room

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by: Erica Hallgren