

RICHLAND COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT

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MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2020 MEETING

The Child Support Committee will met on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jury Room on the third floor of the Richland County Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center. Present where committee members David Turk, Linda Gentes, and Daniel McGuire. Also, present were director, Amy Forehand, and caseworker, Amy Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order by Turk at 1:08. The meeting properly posted.

Gentes moved to approve the agenda. Second by McGuire.

Turk moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Second by McGuire.

Gentes nominated Turk as committee chair. Second by McGuire. Turk nominated Gentes vice-chair. McGuire second.

Forehand presented an invoice of the agency bills since the January meeting. McGuire moved to approve, second by Turk.

Forehand updated the committee on the status of the agency.

A. Performance

Forehand explained that agency is responsible for handling what are known as IV-D cases. These cases come to the agency, one of two ways. The most common way is that one of the parties is receiving some type of public benefit, such has Badger Care, food stamps, ect. The second way is for people to apply for our services. There are cases that are non IV-D, they agency still does the income withholding orders for those cases, but the agency is not responsible for working them. On the IV-D cases the agency is responsible for establishing orders for child support, health care, and paternity. The agency is also responsible for enforcing those orders. The state and federal government have performance measures for the agency to meet regarding those job performances. If those measures are meet, the agency receives full incentive money. Incentive money is reduced if certain measures are met. The

majority of counties do not meet performance in all areas. The agency has managed to meet performance the last several years. Historically, that was not case.

Currently the agency is at or above the performance threshold in all areas. The agency needs to maintain that through the end of September with the physical year ends. Currently, the agency's court order rate is 92.67%, paternity rate is 105.33%, current collection is 83.78%, and arrears collection is 83.17%. Arrears collection is the hardest performance measure for all counties to make. Richland County is currently second in the state. As of today, only three counties are at the threshold or above. There is some concern how Covid-19 employment may effect performance.

B. Preliminary Budget

Forehand explained that the agency budget comes from the county and state reimbursements. Currently, the state reimburses the county 66% of child support expenses. Additionally, there is incentive money that the agency can get for meeting performance goals and getting participants off of Badgercare and unto private insurance. How much incentive money for performance depends on how much state receives from federal government, so it is impossible to know exact amount. It usually is about around \$33,000. We also have been getting between \$5,000 and \$8,000 in medical support. However, that number is likely going to go down based on policy changes.

Forehand does not see much change in the overall expenditures of the agency. However, in the future there will need to be a change in the security of the office. Additionally, Forehand would like to propose a structural change to the office. She believes going back to a caseworker/director would be the right fit for the office currently.

C. Staffing/Open position.

Position has been open since January due to a resignation. Forehand has left it open for two reasons. First, Covid-19 stay at home orders would have made interviewing difficult. Secondly, Forehand wanted to make sure that agency recouped any additional costs associated with unemployment and rehiring to keep budget in line.

The position has been posted and deadline for applications is Friday. So far there are six applicants. Three have potential. Need a committee member to join in interviewing. The committee discussed extending the deadline and allowing the agency to advertise in the Shopping News.

Gentes moves to extend the application deadline and to approve advertising in the Shopping News. McGuire seconds

Forehand and Hoffman will do initial interviews with potential candidates. Interviews with a committee member will be done with the top four candidates.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

McGuire moved to adjourn. Second by Gentes. Turk adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM.