

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Buckley, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor Zima, Supervisor Nicholson
Excused: Supervisor La Violette
Also Present: Erik Pritzl, Cullen Peltier, John Gossage, Melissa Spielman, Supervisor Campbell, Chad Weininger, Mary Kerrigan-Mares, Michelle Conard, Don Hein, Todd Delain, media, other interested parties

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick Buckley at 11:00 am.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of February 3, 2016 and Special February 17, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public. None.

Treatment Court Presentation – Update on Treatment Courts by Judge Zuidmulder. Judge Zuidmulder was unable to attend the meeting and therefore this matter will be moved to the April Public Safety agenda.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. Fire Investigation Task Force Board of Directors (December 17, 2015).**

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Fire Investigation Task Force General Membership (December 3, 2015).**

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Traffic Safety Commission (January 21, 2016).**

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Attorney

2. 2015 to 2016 Carryover Funds.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Safety Communications

3. 2015 to 2016 Carryover Funds.

Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier reported that these carryover funds are for the continuation of the CAD and phone projects.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Director's Report.

Peltier reported that there are currently no open positions within his department. With regard to the phone system, they are looking at authorizing final payment in the next week or so as almost all of the issues have been resolved. They will start working on the licensing next week. Peltier continued that the environmental health issue he brought up last month appears to be resolved and all employees are back to work in their normal locations. Finally, Peltier indicated that National Telecommunicator Week is April 10 – 16 and he will be getting more information and invitations to activities out in the near future. He indicated that they will be dedicating their training room to Lori Gulbrand, who retired in August and passed away in September, 2015. Gulbrand was the training supervisor for a number of years.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sheriff

5. 2015 to 2016 Carryover Funds.

Sheriff Gossage noted that these carryover funds are for wages from 2015 increases to be applied to 2016. Director of Administration Chad Weininger provided an updated Public Safety carryover report, a copy of which is attached. On top of these carryover funds, approximately \$100,000 will be returned to the general fund. Other carryover funds are for the Jail CMS software capital project and the LRMS project which have already been budgeted.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Zima to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Budget Adjustment (#16-11): Any allocation from the County's General Fund – To utilize anticipated excess funds from 2015 to address items not included in 2016 adopted budget: \$175,262 for Jail door security upgrades plus \$64,000 for two K-9 vehicles – To be distributed prior to meeting.

Weininger asked that this be received and placed on file.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Sheriff's Report.

Sheriff John Gossage indicated that AB 522 was signed by Governor Walker on Monday. This bill will afford the Jail the ability to receive the \$40 per bed day that the DOC should have been paying. Gossage explained that when someone is on probation and they reoffend, they go back to the County facility. The facility asks for the \$40 rate, but that is just a start because it typically costs about \$50 per day to house a prisoner. Gossage thanked Representative Steffen and Representative Steineke who both worked on getting this passed. Supervisor Clancy asked if there was any way to make this retroactive. Gossage responded that over the last 19 years the County would have received about \$1.2 million dollars. He said that it is a true hit to the taxpayer and is one of the unfunded mandates the State imposes on the County.

Gossage continued that he met recently with Attorney General Schimmel to talk about human trafficking issues. He has been assigned by the Badger State Sheriff's Association to sit on the state task force for anti-human trafficking and they have been working on some of the initiatives and seeing how Brown County's numbers compare to other parts of the state.

**Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Medical Examiner

8. Medical Examiner Activity Spreadsheet.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Nicholson to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Referred from Human Services Committee

9. Communication from Supervisor Campbell re: To direct Health and Human Services Committee to look into possible ways to continue court-appointed, supervised visit program. That our Family Court Commissioners and Brown County Judges continue to refer families. *Referred from February 24, 2016 Human Services Committee by the following motion: For Family Access Solution Program to talk to staff, have a conversation to see if something can be worked out for them to work together on this and to continue the program in some level if it makes sense for the county as well as their program and to be open to the possibility of bringing something to the March County Board meeting for discussion. Also refer it to Public Safety for consideration to fund it.*

Supervisor Campbell indicated that the Family Access Solutions program will not be funded after March. This program is ordered by judges for cases in which children are at risk and need supervised visits with their custodial and non-custodial parents. The program is also used for cases with incarcerated parents, in divorce cases with issues or problems in exchanging children, and in instances of AODA or mental health issues. Campbell noted that the Courts continue to refer people to this program, but the funding for the program will end in March. She stated that Family Access Solutions works to prevent potential costly CHIPs actions. One of the things that was discussed at the last Human Services Committee meeting was coming to the Public Safety Committee as a number of the services overlap, not only for AODA and mental health at the Human Services level, but also in police calls at the Sheriff's Department level. Campbell said Supervisor Zima made a suggestion at Human Services to see if there was any funding available somewhere in the Public Safety budget to continue the program.

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Zima to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-Tammy Polster Walls, Assistant Program Coordinator for Family Access Solutions addressed the Committee. She indicated that their program has been running in Brown County for about four years and was funded by a federal grant. She said that if funding is not found they will no longer be able to provide services. Walls continued that she has tried many different avenues to secure funding such as writing to foundations and applying for grants and appearing on the news. She said that the program saves money in many different ways such as people not having to go back to court and eliminating police calls for exchanges that they handle. Walls reported that they are currently serving 22 families and they have referrals for many more, but she has not started any new families due to the funding problem. She provided a packet of information to the Committee, a copy of which is attached.

Walls continued that in 2013 they were serving 17 families and were only open three days a week, but they had no funding at that point so they were operating on Door County donation money. The startup cost for the program was about \$80,000. Walls said that the supervised visitation program is used when there is an issue with safety. A Court Commissioner or Judge will order families to come to Family Access Solutions to use their program. The other program they do is an exchange program where they walk children from one parent to the other parent when there are restraining orders and no contact provisions. The main reason their program exists is to keep children in Brown County safe and she said they are doing a really good job. She noted that the police interaction that parents have reported has gone down dramatically. Walls continued that some of the families they serve are dealing with mental health and AODA issues. Others have been incarcerated and have not seen their children for a

long time and are getting reacquainted with them and during that time the Judge or Commissioner asks that they start off with a gentle approach by going through Family Access Solutions. Other families have some pretty severe domestic violence within their homes and while they are going through domestic violence and batterers treatment courses there is a requirement that those people should be supervised with their children. Walls said that 99% of the families in the program have been court-ordered to go to Family Access Solutions to receive services.

Zima said he understood the grant will run out at the end of March and the amount needed to keep the program operating through the end of the year is \$60,000. Walls stated that that was correct; the total cost to run the program for a year is \$80,000. Zima said he is aware that there may be funds available through the Human Services Department or Sheriff's Department that could be used for this program. Campbell stated that the judges are behind the program and are still referring cases to the program. She felt that if the program is allowed to lapse, it will lead to potential action.

Zima asked Gossage what the carryover funds for the Sheriff's Department are and Gossage noted that it was about \$100,000 that was not encumbered. Buckley asked how much Door County puts into this program and Walls responded that Door County supports its own program and the \$60,000 needed is for the program that operates in Brown County. Buckley asked if Oneida puts into the program. Walls responded that she is working with Oneida as another avenue. She said that at the end of October they found themselves without a grant and the continuation fund did not happen so she has been trying to figure out how to finish the year. Her intention in moving forward is not to be completely County funded. She wants to get some good fundraising done and get some good donations, but she is running out of time and currently has 22 families and 10 staff members who are in jeopardy. She said that out of the 22 families they currently have, four or five have been referred from Oneida.

Walls introduced Paul Loppnow who is on the Board of Directors of HELP of Door County and he was brought in because of the Brown County interest in the program. He noted that the program was initially federally funded. Loppnow said that as a retired law enforcement officer, he sees the need for the program. What he likes about the program is that it keeps people in Green Bay and Brown County safe and that is his biggest concern. The second benefit he sees is the time this program saves in law enforcement. The Sheriff's Department and Green Bay Police Department would have to be going in and keeping the peace and ensuring safety if it were not for this program. He stated that the program is beneficial all the way around. Loppnow continued that they would certainly appreciate any help that Brown County can give to continue the program which benefits the citizens of Brown County.

Clancy asked both Walls and Loppnow what they felt would happen if the program was dropped and if they felt that things would go backwards and lead to trouble. He wanted to know if the \$60,000 would keep something good going. Loppnow responded that he absolutely felt that the benefits of the program outweigh the \$60,000. He said there is good accountability based on the numbers Walls provided. He did not know how the Courts could replace the program and further, many families in Brown County who are currently being served would be affected. He noted that they are also looking at other avenues for financing and funding. Loppnow said the loss of the program would have severe consequences.

Campbell added that the County needs to prevent the cases turning into CHIPs actions because those actions are costly. Zima stated that a handful of CHIPs cases would cost as much as what is being asked for to continue the current program. Campbell felt that the Family Access Solutions program serves as a preventative for CHIPs actions. The program helps alleviate law enforcement contact and allows law enforcement to handle drug and murder cases. Campbell said that this is handling things on the front end to save money on the law enforcement end. She continued that she is a private funding kind of person and has talked to Pat Murphy about a grant from the Crime Prevention Fund, but that is only \$5,000 which is not sufficient to fund the program. She said that she knows that Walls and others are working diligently to find funding and do private fundraising, but right now this is a serious issue.

Clancy said that if the machine is all set up and is working, and if it is not funded and then has to start over again, it would be shooting ourselves in the foot.

Buckley asked about the breakdown of numbers provided. Walls explained that there are 10 employees and the hours shown on the sheet are total numbers; not individual hours. She explained that each family has the opportunity to visit with their child one day a week. She said there are two rooms for visitation and a normal visit is from either 4:00 – 6:00 pm or 5:00 – 7:00 pm which allows children to get home for bed and also allows parents to work or attend school during the day. She continued that there are limitations, but that has made them really stick to the budget and not spend more than they have. Walls said that if the program was opened up to people with substance abuse issues and other types of issues they would be extremely, extremely busy. She said that referrals are flooding in because this is a needed program. Further, most bigger counties have programs like this, but many times they do not get a program like this until there is a fatality and a child dies. Walls said that luckily the program opened in Brown County with the support of the Judges, Court Commissioners and GALs because they needed someplace to go with these families. When the program started, they were working with families who had not seen their children for years because there was a gap in services and no place for them to go. She said that many of their families do not need to be in the Human Services arena because it doesn't quite fit, but they help everyone, including the court system, the police, and the families.

Buckley asked if there was a charge to the families who utilize the service. Walls responded that she is not able to charge families because of the grant, however, in moving forward, there are definitely some families that they could charge because they could afford it, but many of them are under the poverty level.

**Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to return to regular order of business.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Buckley asked where Human Services is with all this. Zima stated that if Human Services wants to try to fill the gap, they would have to hire people and provide benefits and he felt that the contract service route provides a bigger bang for the buck. Zima continued that he attended the last Human Services Committee meeting where this was discussed and he thought there was some money available, but that is now not correct. Buckley said he is more concerned about whose prevue this falls under. As he looks at it, it is more of a request from the general fund. Zima said the reason this was moved here instead of asking for money from the general fund is because it was using unused funds from last year and then at budget time, consideration could be given to funding the program if it was determined that the program is worthy. He continued that the extra money in the Sheriff's Department was unencumbered and use of that money would not affect the general fund. If we believe in the program enough to provide the funding, Zima felt that doing it this way was the best way to do it since the funding is not available in the Human Services budget.

Buckley said that procedurally, if you go from one department to another trying to find funds for something that is not budgeted, it does not always work. Zima disagreed and said that this is just a simple thing; there are unused funds and some of them could be used for this program which does interact with the Sheriff's Department and will result in less time use of the Sheriff's Department to handle these cases. Zima continued that it is proven that when there is a referee involved problems do not occur. The program would also alleviate CHIPs actions which are costly and add to the workload of County employees. Buckley said that he is not looking at the group itself or the request itself, but he is looking at it from more of a procedural standpoint so that departments are not coming forward in the future looking for funds from other departments. He felt that this may be opening the door for one department going to another department looking for money. Buckley continued that if the Human Services Committee believes in this, that Committee should have made a request for funds from the general fund because that is what the general fund is for. Campbell said that this crosses over between both Human Services and Public Safety.

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl agreed that this interacts with both Human Services and Public Safety but noted that he can only speak to departmental oversight and operations, and not Committee oversight. He said that the Human Services Department intersects with the program and he felt it was a very good program to keep people from becoming involved in other systems. From an oversight operations perspective, Pritzl noted that there are families that Human Services sees or has contact with that benefit from the Family Access Solutions program. Buckley asked why the Human Services Committee or Human Services Department did not make a request for this from the general fund. Pritzl felt that the Human Services Committee was talking more of the Human Services budget and fund balance than the general fund.

Clancy stated that it looks like the \$60,000 will get to the end of the year, and then, after that, it could be budgeted out of Human Services at budget time and there may also be grants and donations so it may not be that much in the future. He does not have any problem supporting this for the remaining months of the year and then putting it back on Human Services to put it in their budget thereafter.

Weininger explained that the way to handle this would be for the Committee with oversight to make a request for funds out of the general fund, but, as Zima said, there are some leftover dollars in the Sheriff's Department budget. At the end of the day, however, Weininger said this will still affect the general fund. Procedurally Weininger felt a budget adjustment from the Sheriff's Department to the Human Services Department could be done which would require a 2/3 vote by the County Board.

Weininger continued that there is another option. He referenced the \$1.1 million dollar mental health initiative and stated that because not all of the programs have been implemented yet, there would be dollars available to cover the amount being requested for the Family Access Solutions program. Buckley noted that the money in the mental health initiative is already approved and asked what the process would be to get funds from the mental health initiative. Weininger responded that a resolution would be necessary. This would have to go to the Human Services Committee as they have oversight. Zima asked if a motion to transfer money from the Sheriff's Department budget to the Human Services budget would accomplish what needs to be done. Weininger stated that it could be done that way as well and then the budget adjustment resolution would be adjusted.

Zima said that Pritzl and his committee made a big to do about child protection and all of the things they wanted to do to protect children and the programing in question is aimed directly at that. He referenced Judge Hammer's letter that indicted that the program is much more than a simple exchange program; it allows the Court critical information and/or observations regarding the individual's ability to parent and the child's response to parenting which is of critical importance in creating a custody and placement order that will affect a child through his/her minority. Zima said that \$60,000 is part of the \$80,000 program. At budget time, the County could look at contracting the services to continue or providing a program ourselves to keep providing the necessary service, but this discussion can come up at budget time next year. At this time, what is being looked for is a simple way to keep something going that has been useful and beneficial and gives the Court critical information that can affect the safety of children. Zima acknowledged that the appropriate procedure should be followed, but it is a matter of making the recommendation and then carrying it out. Weininger said that if the money is to come out of the Human Services funds, a special Human Services meeting would need to be held prior to the next County Board meeting.

Pritzl asked if the intention was for Family Access Solutions to continue to pursue other funding to support their operations or if the intention is that this will be a budgeted expense in 2017. Zima said that Family Access Solutions will continue to look for funding. Buckley felt it goes back to whether the County is going to fund the program or not and said that Oneida should also be considered as well as collecting from those who can afford to pay.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to take \$60,000 out of the mental health initiative for funding of the Family Access Solutions program and ask the Human Services Committee to hold a special meeting prior to the next County Board meeting to approve the resolution for said transfer. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Circuit Court, Commissioners, Probate; Clerk of Courts; Emergency Management – No agenda items.

Other

10. **Audit of bills.**

Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None.**

12. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Zima to adjourn at 11:48 am. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
2015 TO 2016 CARRYOVER FUNDS**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
<u>District Attorney</u> Expert Witness DA Office Supplies	100.024.001.5782.100 100.024.001.5300.001	Ongoing homicide trials - need experts to come in For on going paperless project - scanner	7,500 6,000 <u>13,500</u>
<u>Sheriff's Office</u> Outlay Equipment Outlay Equipment Equipment non-outlay Wages	100.074.072.001.6110.020 100.074.001.6110.020 100.074.001.5395 100.074.070.5100	Jail door locks system Sheriff patrol vehicles/trucks Various equipment for Sheriff patrol vehicles/trucks Remaining 2015 wage increases to be applied to 2016	175,262 58,000 8,000 79,000 <u>320,262</u>
<u>Emerg Communications Upgrade Capital Project</u>	431.013.XXXX	Continuation of project implementation	1,301,257 *estimated
<u>Jail CMS Software Capital Project</u>	432.074.XXXX	Continuation of project implementation	33,901 *estimated
<u>LRMS Capital Project</u>	433.074.XXXX	Continuation of project implementation	86,151 *estimated

These are the available funds at this time. They may be changed for any audit or adjusting entries.

Approved by County Executive: _____

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OUR MISSION is to provide a safe, secure, and structured alternative for the exchange and/or visitation of children with parents in an environment that promotes a healthy interaction between family members and prevents the victimization of any person.



OUR VISION is to reduce the incidents of violence and conflict within family relationships by offering best services based on evolving best practices and utilizing feedback from participants and community.



FAS can help families as they go through difficult and/or transitional times.



Family Access Solutions is a member of the Wisconsin Chapter of Supervised Visitation Network

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Providing
Supervised Visitation
and
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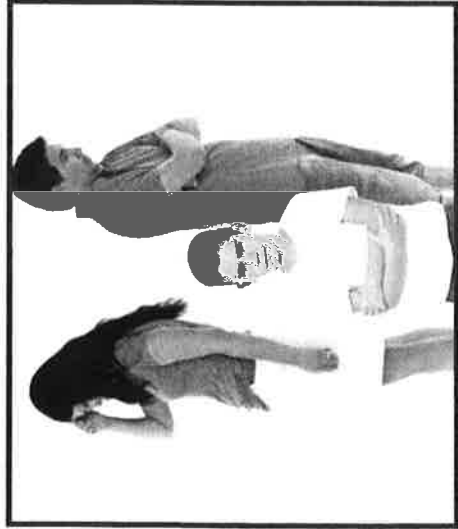


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..... VISITATION AND EXCHANGE

OUR PROGRAM



Family Access Solutions (FAS) provides services to Families who are experiencing changes due to separation, divorce, custody disputes, re-establishing and/or establishing parent child relationships.

- Supervised Visits
- Monitored Visits
- Skype Visits
- Telephone Visits
- Supportive Visits
- Monitored Exchanges

The services offered can assist during circumstances that limit visitation. Some of these circumstances are: being homeless or inadequate living arrangements, child abuse, neglect, domestic violence, mental health or substance abuse. All services are under the supervision of trained professionals whose focus is to maintain the safety and wellbeing of each individual involved while remaining objective.

All Services are at no cost and are reliant on the availability of funding.

BENEFITS

Children are able to maintain their relationship with both parents with less stress and worry about feeling trapped in the middle.

Communication and conflict is lessened by using a neutral party to schedule and arrange visits and exchanges between the parents.

Children can have meaningful visits with their parent in a safe and secure setting.

A parent's fear or stress regarding the safety of their children and/or themselves can be calmed knowing trained professionals are at all exchanges and visits.

Assistance in maintaining any court orders involving restrictions in contact and/or communication between the parents.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to be accused of Domestic Abuse to utilize the program?
No, there are many different reasons people use the program.

Will everyone know I am part of this program?
No, everything remains confidential. A release of information must be signed if you would like anyone to know you are using this program.

Where do visits take place?
In our safe, comfortable, and secure settings in Brown and Door Counties.

Does there need to be a court order?
No. However, if there is one, please bring a copy with you to your orientation.

Does the staff judge me on my parenting skills?
Absolutely not. The professional in the room remains objective and is there for everyone's safety.



Family Access Solutions

January - June 2015

Brown County Safe Haven (Grant)

Supervised Visits: 145 (2 hours) = 290 hours

Child Exchanges: 120 (45 minutes) = 90 hours

Door County Safe Haven (Grant)

Supervised Visits: 30 (2 hours) = 60 hours

Child Exchanges: 167 (45 minutes) = 125.25 hours

Door County Human Services (Contract)

Supervised Visits: 93 (2 hours) = 186 hours

Child Exchanges: 16 (45 minutes) = 12 hours

July - December 2015

Brown County Safe Haven (Grant)

Supervised Visits: 160 (2 hours) = 320 hours

Child Exchanges: 91 (45 minutes) = 68.25 hours

Door County Safe Haven (Grant)

Supervised Visits: 25 (2 hours) = 50 hours

Child Exchanges: 142 (45 minutes) = 106.50 hours

Door County Human Services (Contract)

Supervised Visits: 47 (2 hours) = 94 hours

Child Exchanges: 15 (45 minutes) = 11.25 hours

HELP of Door County, Inc

Profit & Loss Budget Overview

April through December 2016

Projected 2016 Budget for Family Access Solutions												TOTAL
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	April - Dec		
Ordinary Income/Expense												
Income												
4014 · Family Access Solutions	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	73,602.00	
Total Income	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	8,178.00	73,602.00	
Gross Profit												
Expense												
6060 GB · Green Bay Rent	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	3,150.00	
6046 · Program Supplies	33.34	33.34	33.32	33.34	33.34	33.34	33.34	33.34	33.34	33.34	300.04	
6000 · Salaries	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	60,300.00	
6030 · Fical/Medicare tax expense	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	4,635.00	
6035 · Unemployment tax expense	0.00	0.00	106.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.00	
6050 - Phone	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	675.00	
6051 · Internet Exp	60.09	60.09	60.07	60.09	60.09	60.09	60.09	60.09	60.09	60.09	540.79	
6080 · Travel	266.67	266.67	266.66	266.67	266.67	266.67	266.67	266.67	266.67	266.67	2,400.02	
6105 · Utilities	166.67	166.67	166.66	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	1,500.02	
Total Expense	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,272.71	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,166.77	8,166.77	73,606.87	
Net Ordinary Income	11.23	11.23	-94.71	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	-4.87	
Net Income	11.23	11.23	-94.71	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.23	-4.87	

MARC A. HAMMER
Circuit Judge



CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH V

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February 4, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as a recommendation in support of the Family Access Solution Program here in Brown County, Wisconsin. I have worked with this program since its inception. It performs a vital service in facilitating court-ordered visitations between minor children and their parents in a safe and supervised setting.

It is an unfortunately reality in our country that in certain parent-child situations, there is a need to ensure a degree of safety, stability, and security for both parent and child. This need typically comes at a significant financial cost, often difficult to maintain by the child's parents and/or the county. It is the child who ultimately suffers from these concerns, as Wisconsin state statutes and common law consistently admonish the courts to foster positive relationships between children and their parents in the belief that such contact serves in the minor child's best interest.

Family Access Solutions fills a critical void in providing a safe place for children to interact with a parent. Trained professionals ensure that both words and actions are conducive to positive parenting. The program allows a substantial decrease in parental and/or child anxiety which inures to the short term and long term benefit of the child-parent relationship.

This program is much more than a simple "exchange program." Family Access Solutions allows the court critical information and/or observations regarding an individual's ability to parent and a child's response to parenting which is of critical importance in creating a custody and placement order that will affect a child throughout his/her minority. There is no other monitoring program in the county that is of similar quality and is as cost efficient as Family Access Solutions.

As a former family law attorney for 20 years, a former family court judge, and a current member of the Domestic Violence Inter Agency Committee, Family Access Solutions' resources have been invaluable.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marc A. Hammer".

Marc A. Hammer, Circuit Judge

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ONEIDA JUDICIARY

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January 27, 2016

Re: Family Access Solutions

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Family Access Solutions visitation and exchange program. The Family Access Solutions program has been working with the Oneida Family Court for almost three years and provides visitation and exchange services to families that have experienced domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking. The program is extremely valuable as it provides children with an opportunity to spend quality time with their parent or parents in a safe environment with no costs to the family. As there is no similar service offered by the Tribe, having this program located right down the street from the tribal court has been a blessing!

I fully support the efforts of Family Access Solutions to seek funding to keep the program going. This program promotes safety and helps build healthy parent-child relationships which benefits not only the families involved but the community as a whole. I am proud of the work that Tami Walls and her staff have done and am hopeful that the program will continue to exist for a long time.

Sincerely,



Hon. Robert J. Collins II
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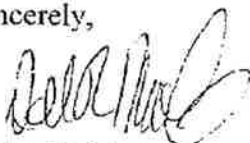
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Family Access Solutions, Supervised Visitation Program in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I have been a Guardian ad Litem in Brown County for many years. There has long been a need for a supervised visitation program in this county. Prior to Family Access Solutions, we only had access to paid supervisors. That leaves low-income domestic abuse victims without available options. It also leaves low-income parents with special needs without available options. When Family Access Solutions expanded to Brown County, I have had the opportunity to refer many parents to their program. The feedback I get from both parents has consistently been tremendous. I have been thanked repeatedly by the parents, as well as the children for arranging for a safe place for everyone. This organization has made my job much easier. I am able to tell the court that all parents are able to have visits with their children. I am able to refer children who want visits with a parent that may have safety concerns. When I am able to tell the court that we have been able to reach visitation milestones with these families, it is a great relief to the court.

I one hundred percent support the efforts of Family Access Solutions. I thank you for any assistance you can provide to them.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Family Access Solutions

Happy New Year!!!

What's going on with the FAS program?

We are very busy serving 19 families. We got the extension for the Safe Haven grant, our grant money will extend into March, possibly even into April. I have been busy applying for foundation money and grants. We are looking to raise around \$60,000 to fund the rest of 2016. If you have any ideas please call Tami (920)743-8819.

The exciting news is after April, if funding is found, we can open services to anyone that needs services not just families that have Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Abuse. This may cause us to have a waiting list but we can once again help families with issues such as mental health issues, homelessness, and substance abuse.

If you have any questions about the program feel free to call.

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