

**Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board
Meeting Agenda
Three Rivers Human Services Board Room
Mandan
210 2nd Ave NW
10:00 AM – April 21, 2022**

Meeting Call to Order:

- Dennis called meeting to order

Roll Call:

Mandan: Dennis Meier, Jackie Buckley, Rosemary Lawson, Edgar Oliveira, Heidi Peltz

Carson: John Reinhardt, Charlie Steinkuehler

Fort Yates: Ken Snider

Others present: Vince Gillette, Jenny Wetsch, Natalie Anderson, and Brenda Peterson, Karen Rohr

Approval of Agenda

- Moved by John Reinhardt seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022

- Moved by Edgar Olivera seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler to approve the minutes from March 17, 2022. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of April 2022 Bills:

- Jackie Buckley came early to review the bills.
- Moved by Jackie Buckley seconded by John Reinhardt to approve the bills as presented. With a unanimous roll call vote the bills were approved.

Name	Roll Call	Bills Approved
Jackie Buckley	P	Y
Edgar Olivera	P	Y
Rosemary Lawson	P	Y
Heidi Peltz	P	Y
John Reinhardt	P	Y
Charlie Steinkuehler	P	Y
Ken Snider	P (Telephone)	Y
John Pretty Bear	A	A
Dennis Meier	P	Y

Budget Review

- So far CY 2022 we are staying within budget.

- Dennis reported, the TRHSZ is paying for a placement at HOTR that is not eligible for foster care payment. HOTR has agreed to keep the placement until April 27. This is the safest and least costly option available to the TRHSZ at this time
- Natalie joined the meeting to talk about the difficulties in placing hard to serve children. The process for placing children into congregate care has changed from what it was two years ago. PATH has struggled licensing Intensive Treatment Foster Homes which could take this level of need placements. It has been very time consuming and draining on staff to find placement for this level of need. Natalie reported we used to have 6-7 resources available in the past but are now down to 2 QRTP's, which are HOTR and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Zone Program Stats

Vince - Three Rivers Human Service Zone Tribal Liaison Report for April, 2022

- Standing Rock Covid numbers as of April 11. There are 2 active cases and they are both in SD. Deaths still at 27. So, no deaths in the past month.
- There have been 4 babies born at home. They were prenatal exposed and placed into foster care. This is a problem for Medicaid and IV E payments because they need a birth certificate. Tribal case managers have to find the mother's and complete paperwork and turn it in to Vital Records. It needs to be original copies, so it can't be emailed. Vital Records is closed to the public, so they need to be mailed which takes additional time. Vince has been helping the Admin assistant with Standing Rock CPS work through this process. A lot of hurry up and wait.
- Michelle Harrison has been appointed Interim Director of Standing Rock CPS. She has recently contacted Vince about FMAP reimbursement. The tribe has \$203,909.00 on the table and we are in the beginning stages of accessing that money.
- DHS had a Child Welfare 101 training for Tribal case managers at the PKC. Both Vince and Dennis attended this training. All the Standing Rock workers were there including 3 Turtle Mountains workers. Good training. It was learned that SR has 322 foster kids in care, with 6 case managers, which is about 53 cases each, which is an astronomical number. Turtle Mountain has 502 foster kids with 3 workers which is an even greater concern. That is 167 foster kids per worker.
- Medicaid and ICPC questions continue to take a lot of Vince's time.
- IV E foster care paid \$70K last month for SR tribal kids in foster care. This is only foster homes payments.
- Vince completed 11 face-to-face visits for the tribe last month.

Brenda Peterson – Income Maintenance/Eligibility Supervisor

- See the attached statistical copies for the complete report on Income Maintenance cases and programs.
 - Case numbers continue to increase – from March 1 to April 1, we had an increase of 56 cases
 - Applications received in March increased by 16 from February.
 - Reviews due in March increased by 222 from February
 - Job Openings – we have 2 in the Fort Yates Office – being advertised
 - With Patsi Seerup's resignation, we will be interview for that position next week.
 - There is a need in our Zone for a EW II to assist with developing and providing training and complete casefile reviews. We have been given approval to add those duties to one of our EW I's. This job is being advertised internally only.
 - Brenda announced that she will be retiring on September 16, 2022, after 42 years of service.

Jenny Wetsch – Child Protection

- See the attached Statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
 - 88 total reports in 02/2022. 1 Report in Grant County
 - 17 Administratively Assessed
 - 16 Administrative Referrals
 - 9 Assessments Terminated in Progress
- Parent Aide Caseload: 8 – 14 cases in 03/2022
- No reports for Grant or Sioux County for March
- Dakota Central assisted with 1 report.
- Vicki who worked as a temp to help while a staff member is close to utilizing the 740 hours approved as a temp. She has been assisting FC/IH unit with visits since that unit has lost 2 staff.

Natalie Anderson – Foster Care/In Home/FP Licensing

- See the attached statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
- Workers are carrying caseloads between 12-16 cases each except for our ½ time individual who has 8 cases.
- Currently we have 111 cases.
 - 37 Foster Homes/PATH
 - 2 QRTP/PRTF
 - 33 Relative Care
 - 38 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Courtesy Case Management & Home Study's
- We currently have 38 licensed Foster Care Homes in our 3 county Zone.
- The State has assumed the Foster Care Licensing duties/roles as of April 1, 2022.

Mandan Office Renovation Update

- Dennis provided the board members with a tour of the new offices.
- Renovations are complete. Three offices and a security wall were added with a total cost of \$33,807.00. Building renovations are considered indirect costs.

Zone Budget Recalculation Review

- May 10, 2022, Dennis sits down with Darcy Roberts from the department to review the first half of the budget, to determine the amount that we will receive for the second half of the year.

Other: Ken reported that the tribal offices reopened to the public a few weeks ago.

Adjourn:

- Moved by Charlie Steinkuehler, seconded by Heidi Peltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2022 – 10 AM, Mandan

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Anderson

Office Assistant III

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