

## **MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**October 11, 2018**

**Social Service Conference Room**

**Morton County Court House**

**210 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota**

**2:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Agenda**

### **Agenda Items**

- **Miscellaneous MCSS Bills**
- **Review of Senate Bill 2206**

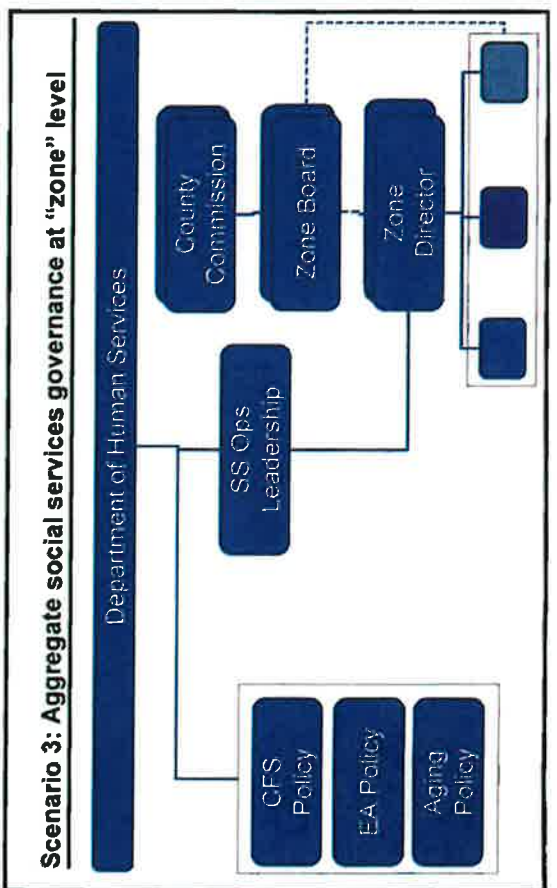
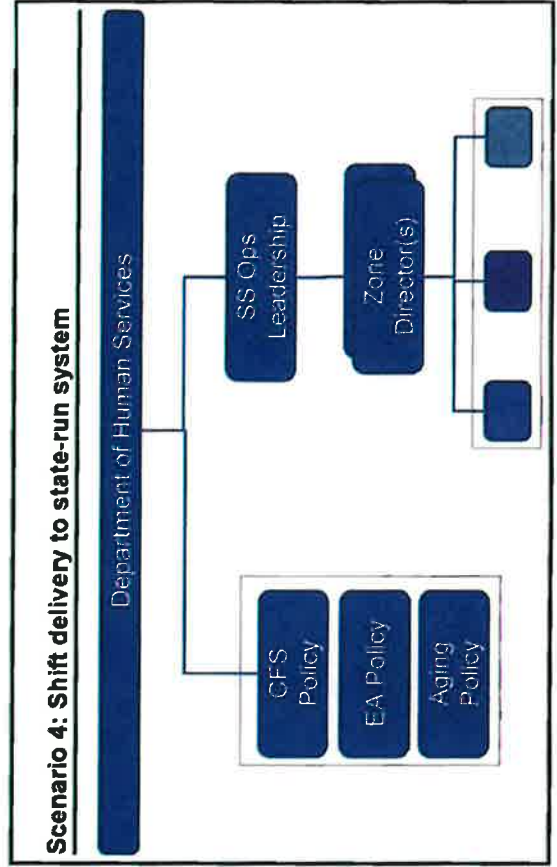
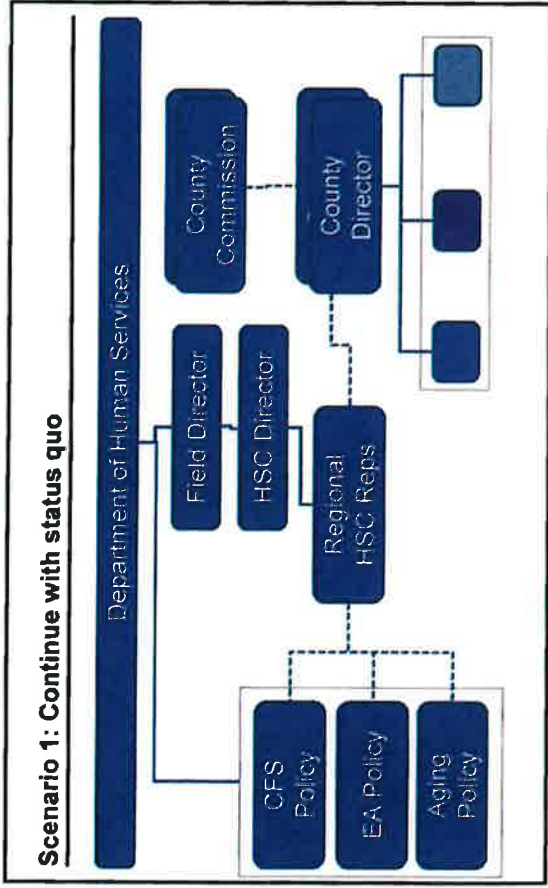
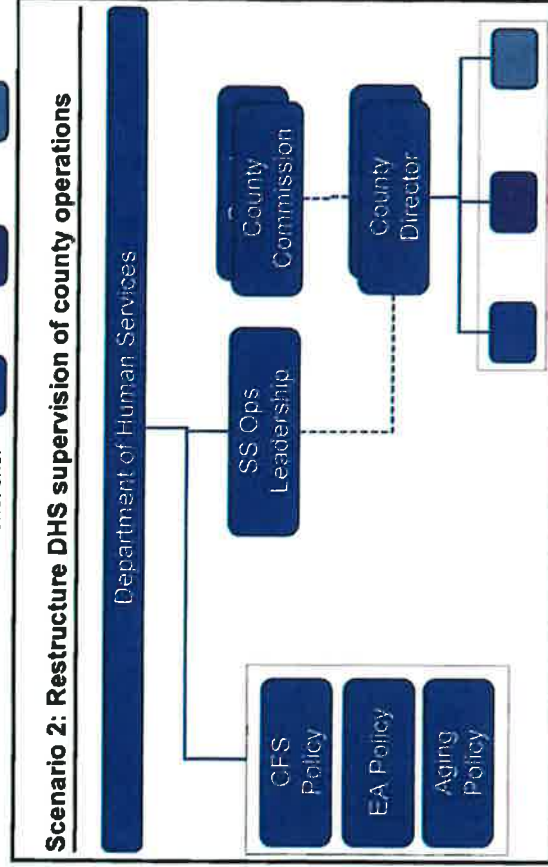
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**Certain portions of the meeting may be closed due to Executive Session for confidentiality reasons per NDCC 44-04-19.2.**

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:00am**

# Scenarios for organizational governance

Delivery functions: EA Adult CFS





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**Subject: regionalization of social services**

To Whom It May Concern:

Divide County has some concerns regarding the regionalization of social services, the concerns are attached hereto. Additionally, Divide County would propose the attached resolution to allow counties that would like to partake in the regionalization to do so along with counties that chose not to participate as well. We certainly understand that every county is different and the needs and resources of each county are different as well. The main point of our proposal is **Choice**, those counties that need or want help from the state should be able to choose so just like the counties that would like to maintain control within the county. Divide County is more than willing to listen to different viewpoints and we are sending this out today to try and spark some healthy discussion and thoughts as to how **ALL** counties can benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Seymour Jordan

Divide County State's Attorney

### Primary concerns of regionalization

1. Control shifted from County to State (NDSU extension office equivalent);
2. Essential services shifted out of county;
3. Loss of shared communication and cooperation between in county agencies and "regional" agencies (social services, local law enforcement and state's attorney);
4. Regions cross judicial district lines (Northcentral and Northwest judicial district);
5. Large area to cover, it would take roughly 3 hours of travel time one way from one corner of the proposed zone of Divide, Burke, Mountrail, and Williams Counties to the opposite corner;
6. Regionalization would remove tailored services to local needs (what works for Cass County might not work for Mountrail county); and
7. Additional cost, both economic and opportunity along with legal liability of not having local services.
8. Counties already have legal authority to agree to "regionalization."

**2018-15. Human Service Financing.**

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County officials applaud the legislative action that temporarily shifts almost all of county social service costs from the property tax to statewide funding sources. Counties clearly demonstrated the shift of these costs in their budgets and related mill levy reductions. This legislation, however, is only temporary; and the Legislature directed that a study be conducted for legislative review examining the possible redesign of human service delivery. This Association has been supportive of the study, to ensure that the poor and vulnerable population in every county have access to the best human services possible. This Association supports the following as essential components of any plan to redesign the delivery of human services.

delivery of human services in each county through the existing local social service agency, to be funded through block grant to each county

the right of each county to determine the best method to deliver human services within their county, whether by providing such services itself or through cooperative agreements with other counties as allowed by existing law

- Citizen access to ~~essential all existing~~ human services, ~~at a minimum, in all existing~~ delivery locations in every county, ~~unless agreed to by county,~~
- State funding of ~~100XX%~~ of all human services authorized and mandated by state law, unless county agrees to services as recommended by state, than 100% funding by state,
- A funding structure that provides ~~adequate required~~ resources to recruit and retain quality human services staff and address the local operational costs necessary to support that staff,
- Retention and, as possible, the strengthening of services unique to individual counties large and small, urban and rural, that fill the gaps between state programs and local non-profit and charitable organization services,
- ~~Appropriate~~ County elected official control to ensure local needs are adequately addressed, and
- Retention of county employment of human service delivery professionals, ~~to the greatest extent possible.~~

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**- Update of Resolution 2017-03**

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