

Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board

Meeting Agenda

Three Rivers Human Service Zone 1st Floor Conference Room

Mandan Office

210 2nd Ave. NW Mandan

10:00 AM – January 19, 2023

Meeting Call to Order:

- Dennis called meeting to order.

Roll Call:

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

Carson: Marty Meyer (Phone), Charlie Steinkuehler (Phone)

Others present: Vince Gillette, Mandy Garrett, Natalie Anderson, Jenny Wetsch, Theresa Gruenberg

Absent: Ken Snider, John Pretty Bear

Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Heidi Peltz seconded by Jackie Buckley to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2022.

- Moved by Jackie Buckley seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler to approve the minutes from October 20, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of December 2022 bills:

- Jackie Buckley came early to review the bills.
- Discussion was held on the Dakota Family Services bill.
- A motion by Jackie Buckley to approve the December bills and seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler. The bills were approved with a unanimous roll call.

Name	Roll Call	Bills Approved
Jackie Buckley	P	Y
Rosemary Lawson	P	Y
Heidi Peltz	P	Y
Marty Meyer	P (Phone)	Y
Charlie Steinkuehler	P (Phone)	Y
Ken Snider	A	-
John Pretty Bear	A	-
Dennis Meier	P	Y

Budget Review

- Dennis will have the finalized bills for the 2022 fiscal year and will be taken before the Morton County Commission when they meet in January 2023.

Zone Program Stats

Mandy Garrett – Income Maintenance/Eligibility Supervisor

- See the attached statistical copies for the complete report on Income Maintenance cases and programs.

- Heidi brought up the backlog of Child Care Assistance Applications. Mandy and the board discussed how the state is working to alleviate the backlog. EW workers can work overtime. Vince offered to help with the backlog of LIHEAP & Child Care Assistance Applications. Dennis and Vince will discuss Vince's part in helping with the backlog.
- Mandy stated that the Call center will go live on February 9, 2023, and the rest will go live on February 13, 2023.
- Hannah Fisher accepted the position as an EW I. Her start date will be January 23, 2023.

Vince – Three Rivers Human Service Zone Tribal Liaison Report for November 2022

- Standing Rock Covid numbers as of January 5, 2023. There are 0 active cases on Sioux County, with 20 cases in Morton, 0 cases in Grant, and 66 cases in Burleigh. There are 593 new cases statewide.
- There are 80 Active IV-E foster children placed in ND. These are SD IV E foster cases and tribal 638 foster care placements. These numbers do not show up in ND statistics, because we are only concerned with the foster children where a ND agency is the legal custodian.
- The IV-E payments for foster children in November was \$94,206.95 for maintenance and \$4,128.32 for Subsidized Adoption Payments.
- Vince attends monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribe, and Zone Staff. Throughout the state who have Tribal foster children in the Sone Foster homes. Vince continues to facilitate visits for 80 children between zones SW and Zone foster homes and group facilities.
- Vince has been researching and handling Medicaid issues for the foster kids' Medicaid where the bills are not getting paid. He works on getting SD kids onto ND Medicaid and clearing up non-payment issues.
- Vince is part of the planning committee for the ICWA conference, which is being held in the Turtle Mountains this year and is being planned as an in-person conference, during the summer of 2023.
- Vince has been working with Dean Stern, DHS, on putting a meeting together with people who provide technical assistance to the tribes. TRHSZ has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Native American Training Institute to help train their IV=E Specialist. Vince was asked by Dean to attend the quarterly meetings with the ND tribes and all agencies that are providing technical assistance on the reservations.
- Vince is developing a Cultural Awareness for Native American foster children. We have about 125 Native American children in foster care in the Burleigh-Morton area and about 400 Native American children statewide.
- Vince stated that Medicaid has a new policy on how they pay medical bills.
- Vince will be assisting other zones on monthly visits of foster children placed in our area.

Jenny Wetsch – Child Protection

- See the attached Statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
- We received 71 reports in December with 24 Administratively Assessed, 7 Administrative Referrals, and 5 Assessment Terminated in Progress.
- Jenny expressed that the cases are more complex and have larger numbers of children per family, which makes the cases more time consuming. Workers are receiving 2+ cases per day.
- Jenny stated one of her workers will be out of the office for 6 weeks.

Natalie Anderson – Foster Care/In Home/ FP Licensing

- See the attached statistical information which was resented during the meeting.
- Currently we have 82 foster care cases, and we have custody of 62 children.
- The case workers have caseloads between 9-13 cases each.
- Kendra Casavant has resigned her position as a Foster Care Worker, her last day will be February 10, 2023.
- Natalie will be contacting the state to receive the approval to fill this position and have the position posted.

Legislative Bill Review

- Dennis stated the there are 800 bills entered into the ND state legislative session this year. There are 300 in some form, or another related to Social Services.
- Dennis reported to the board about the bills that have been presented so far:
 - House Bill 1036 – This bill will proposes setting the maximum benefit level of the TANF Program at 50% or more of the federal poverty level based on household size.
 - Senate Bill 2084 – This bill proposes Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) payments will be made directly to early childhood services providers by direct deposit or check.
 - Senate Bill 2087 – This bill proposes to remove the benefit cap for TANF, the amount to a household when a child is born to a family already receiving this benefit.
 - House Bill 1091 – This bill proposes relatives (kinship relatives) who care for the children be able to obtain Kinship at the same amount a family foster home receives.

- Senate Bill 2080 – This bill proposes the mutual sharing of information between the foster care and adoption programs.
- Senate Bill 2081 – This bill proposes NDHHS should no longer have licensing responsibility for Maternity Homes.
- House Bill 1046 – Cleanup bill. This bill is working with direct and indirect costs, billing practices, and payments to human service zones.
- House Bill 1046 - This bill proposes the process for zones who want to change the host county in the zone and how to move a county from one zone to another.
- Senate Bill 2128 – This bill would include the implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics.
- House Bill 1155 – Would prevent sanctuaries for unlawful citizens in the North Dakota from receiving service from the zones.

Zone Fiscal Year

- The state fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The zone fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st.
- The governor proposed a 6% salary increase for 2024 and 4% in 2025.

Other

- In 2022, TRHSZ, the eligibility unit had a turnover rate of 24% and child welfare 33% .
- There was one applicant, Lori Flaten, who applied for the vacant TRHSZ board position.
- A new tax bill proposes eliminating state taxes for individuals based on income. Approximately 60% of ND residents would no longer to pay state taxes.

Adjourn:

- Moved by Jackie Buckley, seconded by Heidi Peltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2023 - 10:00 AM, Mandan

Respectfully Submitted,



**Theresa Gruenberg
OA III**

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**THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE
MONTHLY BILLING APPROVAL SHEET**

For Month of: January 2023

VENDOR	AMOUNT	
Bismarck Tribune	\$ 107.60	
Casavant, Kendra	\$ 10.50	
Dakota Family Services	\$ 1,275.00	
DOH Division of Vital Records PA	\$ 20.00	
Ervin, Jerriah	\$ 602.00	
Grimm, Alicia	\$ 18.23	
GS Publishing	\$ 272.22	
ITD-Carson	\$ 5.00	
ITD-Ft Yates	\$ 20.00	
ITD-Mandan	\$ 295.00	
Pratt, Keyona	\$ 14.96	
Standing Rock Telecom	\$ 26.05	
Credit Card (Leier)	\$ 8,377.42	
WEX Card	\$ 322.44	
Jackie Buckley	\$ 5.24	\$ 50.00
RoseMary Lawson	\$ 58.95	\$ 50.00
Heidi Peltz	\$ 64.19	\$ 50.00
John Pretty Bear	\$ 82.53	\$ 50.00
Marty Meyer	\$ 89.08	\$ 50.00
Ken Snider	\$ 78.60	\$ 50.00
Charles Steinkuehler	\$ 77.29	\$ 50.00
Subtotal:	\$ 11,822.30	\$ 350.00
TOTAL:	\$ 12,172.30	
APPROVALS:		
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DIRECTOR:	_____	

Tribal Liaison Report January 2023

The Covid report as of Jan 5, 2023, is Sioux County has 0 active cases. Morton has 20, Grant has 0 and Burleigh has 66, according to the ND dept of Health website. There are 593 new cases, statewide, for the reporting period of 12-30-22 to 01-05-23. To give you some perspective on Jan 20, 2022 we had 15842 and on Jan 5, 2023 we have 593 new cases.

There are approx. 80 SRST foster children placed in ND foster homes that I help facilitate visits . These are SD IV E foster cases and tribal 638 foster care placements. These numbers do not show up in ND statistics, because we are only concerned with the foster children where a ND agency is the legal custodian. In Nov ND IV E paid \$94,206.95 for IV E foster care maintenance and \$4128.32 for Subsidized Adoption payments. These are the latest numbers I have.

I continue to attend monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribe and Zone Staff throughout the state, who have tribal foster care placement in their foster homes. There are separate meetings for Licensure of foster homes, Tribal foster children placed in Zone Foster homes, A case management monthly training and a state IV E and Tribal IV E eligibility meeting. I help facilitate visits for 80 children between zones SW and Zone foster homes and group facilities. Answer questions for foster parents about various topics. I spend a lot of time with Medicaid issues with the foster kids Medicaid, bills not being paid, getting SD foster kids on ND Medicaid and talking with business offices of medical facilities clearing up non payment issues. I also sit on the planning committee for the ICWA conference, this involves TEAMS meeting setting up the conference, speakers etc. The conference is being held in the Turtle Mountains this year and is being planned as an in-person conference, summer, 2023.

I reported last month that Dean Sturn, DHS was putting a meeting together with people that provide technical assistances to the

tribes. From this meeting, Three Rivers Human Service zone has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Native American Training Institute to help train their IV E specialist. Dean Sturn has also asked that I attend quarterly meetings with the ND tribes, and all the agencies that are providing technical assistance on the reservations. I am working with the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake tribes to help them get their reimbursement for FMAP. Turtle Mountain has \$532,000 and Spirit Lake has \$213,000 that needs to be claimed by June 30, 2023.

I'm still working on developing a Cultural Awareness for Native American foster children. We have about 125 Native kids in foster care in the Burleigh Morton area and about 400 native kids state wide. There are no cultural presentations being done that I am aware of. This is on the back burner right now, but it is still on my list of things to do.

Vincent Gillette

THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE

Child Protection Reports December 1 to December 31st

-Of the 71 total reports in December, 24 Administratively Assessed (AA)/ 7 Administrative Referrals (AR), and 5 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

Grant County- 0

Sioux County- 1 (non-reservation cases)

* Total number of Alternative Response cases- 0

* Total number of Child Sexual Behavior (CSB) cases- 3

*Total number of Prenatal Exposure (drugs/alcohol)- 0

*Total number of courtesy interview requests- 0 from another zone, 1 LE assist

* Conflict cases for another Zone- 0

Beginning Dec caseload-

Opened/Closed- Dec 1- Dec 31st-

CPS Supervisor (JW)- 2

Opened-1, Closed-1, End- 2 (*0 combine)

CPS Worker (KO)- 16

Opened-8, Closed- 6, End-18 (*1 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (AS)- 10

Opened-7, Closed-7, End-10 (*2 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (MH)- 17

Opened-9, Closed-3, End-23 (*2 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (BM)- 9

Opened-7, Closed-5, End-11 (*4 new report received on open case)

Parent Aide Caseload

KH -	Dec	Jan(22)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	14	14	14	14	17	17	13	12	12	12	10	13	12

AG-	Dec	Jan(22)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	6	10	10	8	10	11	10	13	13	11	9	11	7

TOTAL 960 REPORTS (Full, ATP, AA, AR, Combine)

	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	74	74	67
FEBRUARY	71	93	83
MARCH	65	107	88
APRIL	56	81	81
MAY	45	85	86
JUNE	65	77	79
JULY	68	55	59
AUGUST	68	79	74
SEPTEMBER	87	93	85
OCTOBER	74	74	66
NOVEMBER	62	87	71
DECEMBER	60	77	71
YEAR TOTAL	795	982	910

FULL AND ATP includes combined 960's as they need to be addressed)

	2020	2021	2022
JANUARY	47	50	31
FEBRUARY	39	64	41
MARCH	39	69	55
APRIL	22	56	52
MAY	27	58	57
JUNE	44	41	40
JULY	40	33	36
AUGUST	32	45	39
SEPTEMBER	41	50	38
OCTOBER	41	50	30
NOVEMBER	37	45	43
DECEMBER	34	40	40
YEAR TOTAL	443	601	502

TRHSZ -Summary of Economic Assistance Cases by Groups as of 1/1/2023

<u>Eligibility Worker Groups</u>	<u>Open Cases</u>
Group 1 (Medicaid only)	
Dec-22	3048
Nov-22	2858
Group 2 (SNAP & Medicaid)	
Dec-22	1153
Nov-22	1188
Group 3 (SNAP/MA/CCAP/LIHEAP)	
Dec-22	682
Nov-22	632
Group 4 (TANF+ all programs)	
Dec-22	87
Nov-22	102

Benefit Issuance Report for the month of December 2022

	<u>Child Care Assistance</u>	<u>SNAP</u>	<u>TANF</u>	<u>LIHEAP</u>	<u>Medicaid</u>
<u>Grant</u>	\$4,180.00	\$26,636.00	\$366.00	\$8,442.43	Unavailable
<u>Morton</u>	\$73,161.00	\$356,069.00	\$5,417.00	\$23,346.13	Unavailable
<u>Sioux</u>	\$1,699.00	\$238,795.00	\$18,234.00	\$0.00	Unavailable

Total Open Cases per County

<u>Sioux</u>	1226
<u>Grant</u>	260
<u>Morton</u>	3515

Total GA Burials

<u>Dec-22</u>	2
<u>Nov-22</u>	1

TRHSZ FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME

CASE LOADs December 2022

CASE LOADS TOTALS = 82 (74)

62 Foster care -- (Foster care is counted by child)

39- foster homes/PATH 2-QRTP/PRTF 19-Relative Care 2-18+

20 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Courtesy Case management & Home studies

	Opened	Closed
2022		
July	4	7
August	0	5
September	5	4
October	0	2
November	6	8
December	7	8

2021 – TRHSZ

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
87	92	90	92	89	96	103	104	104	105	100	109

2022- TRHSZ

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
103	112	111	107	100	99	94	82	84	79	83	82

2022

KC	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	11	6	7	7	7	7	6
In-Home	5	5	5	4	3	3	3
Total	16	11	12	11	10	10	9

LE	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	1	5	5	6	7	6	6
In-Home	5	5	3	4	5	5	4
Total	46	10	8	10	12	11	10

KP	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	13	11	11	11	11	10	10
In-Home	2	3	3	2	1	2	3
Total	15	14	14	13	12	12	13

TM	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	10	10	9	7	8	8	7
In-Home	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
Total	13	13	12	10	10	10	8

TS	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	1	1	0		NEW	1	2
In-Home	1					1	2
Total	2	1	0			2	4 (2 co-CM)

NK	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	12	12	12	13	12	12	11
In-Home	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Total	15	15	14	15	14	14	12

JD	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	9	7	4	5	5	5	8
In-Home	6	8	6	7	7	6	5
Total	14	15	10	12	12	11	13

EA	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foster Care	10	10	10	13	13	13	12
In-Home	7	5	2				1
Total:	17	15	12	13	13	13	13