

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: March 27th, 2018

TIME: 10:07 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Wetsch, Ron Leingang, Rose Mary Lawson, and Andy Zachmeier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ernie Fitterer

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, Brittany Slack, Office Assistant III

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the March 27th, 2018 Agenda and the February 27th, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Board member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, made a motion to pay the March 2018 bills. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, will be absent for the April 24, 2018 Social Service Board Meeting.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for February 2018 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total February 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$236,270.64.

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Bonita Moch, Supervisor of HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure, distributed Current Case Count for Adult Services, Foster Homes, CSHS, and Child Care Providers for February 2018.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for February 2018; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 and Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from March 1, 2017 through March 1, 2018. Also discussed was the resignation of an Eligibility Worker. Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor is currently working on the rehiring process to fill 2 vacancies for an Eligibility Worker I positions.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from October 2017 through February 2018. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from October 2017 through February 2018 were also distributed.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 to February 2018 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

West River Conference June 14 & 15

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the West River Conference of Social Welfare Agenda. Discussion followed.

Dissolvent of Region VII Social Service Board Committee

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed emails from other County Directors within the Region VII. Discussion followed.

Emergency Hire Service Proposal for Foster Care Licensing & Child Protection

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, discussed the possibility of hiring for an Emergency Temp Position for Foster Care Licensing. Discussion followed. This will be reviewed again in the April 2018 Board Meeting.

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, discussed the possibility of hiring for an Emergency Temp Position for Child Protection Services. Discussion followed. This will be reviewed again in the April 2018 Board Meeting.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for February 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3691, opened cases = 302 and closed cases = 157.

Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Documents provided to the Morton County Social Services Board on this date will be made available to the public upon request.

Del Wetsch
Chairperson

Brittany Slack
Recorder