

**Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Three Rivers Human Service Zone 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Mandan Office  
210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW Mandan  
10:00 AM – April 20, 2023**

**Meeting Call to Order:**

**Roll Call:**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2023**

**Review and Approval of April Bills:**

**Budget Review**

**Zone Program Stats**

**Legislative Bill Review**

**Other:**

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 – 10 AM, Mandan**

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**Meeting Call to Order:**

- Dennis called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

**Roll Call:**

**Mandan:** Dennis Meier, Jackie Buckley, Rosemary Lawson (Phone), Lori Flaaten  
**Carson:** Marty Meyer (Phone), Charlie Steinkuehler (Online)  
**Fort Yates:** Ken Snider (Online)

**Others present:** Jodie Leier, Jenny Wetsch, Mandy Garrett

**Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Lori Flaaten seconded by Ken Snider to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023**

- Moved by Charlie Steinkuehler seconded by Jackie Buckley to approve the minutes from February 16, 2023. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of March 2023 Bills:**

- Jackie Buckley came early to review the bills.
- Moved by Jackie Buckley seconded by Lori Flaaten 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
Lori Flaaten	P	Y
Rosemary Lawson	P (Phone)	Y
Heidi Peltz	A	A
Marty Meyer	P (Phone)	Y
Charlie Steinkuehler	P (Online)	Y
Ken Snider	P (Online)	Y
John Pretty Bear	A	A
Dennis Meier	P	Y

**Budget Review**

- So far CY 2023 we are staying within budget at 14.4% and currently under budget by 2%. Commission approved the transfer of the 90,000 recalc payment at their last meeting.

## Zone Program Stats

Vince - Three Rivers Human Service Zone Tribal Liaison Report for March 2023, presented by Dennis Meier.

- Standing Rock Covid numbers as of March 9. There are 10 active cases on Standing Rock, Morton has 26, Grant has 1 and Burleigh has 69 according to the ND Dept of Health. There are 706 new cases statewide.
- There are 50 ND Active IV-E children and 638 Tribal foster care placements.
- Vince continues to attend the monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribe, and Zone Staff throughout the state who have tribal foster care placements in their foster homes. There is a separate meeting for Licensure of Foster Homes, Tribal Foster Children placed in Zone Foster Homes, a case management monthly training and a State and Tribal IV E eligibility meeting. Vince helps to facilitate visits for 75 children between Zones and foster facilities. He also answers questions for the foster parents about various topics.
- Vince sits on the planning committee for the yearly ICWA Conference. This year is planned as Face to Face and is being held in the Turtle Mountains in the summer of 2023.
- Vince has been meeting with Dean Sturn, DHS, the State, Federal and Casey Program that provide technical assistance to the tribes. From this meeting TRHSZ has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Native American Training Institute to help train their IV-E Specialist. Their next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Vince did onsite technical assistance for Spirit Lake Social Services on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and for Turtle Mountain on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Two Native American Training Institute staff were at the presentations. Both TMSS and SLTSS requested the onsite training for the IV-E program. They are working on additional dates to have more training.
- Vince has also offered MHA nation help with their FMAP reimbursement but has not heard back.

Mandy Garrett – Income Maintenance/Eligibility Supervisor

- See the attached statistical copies for the complete report on Income Maintenance cases and programs.
  - Call Center Re-cap. During week 1 of the roll out, 5,843 calls were received by the call center. The average wait time is approximately 6 minutes with the average talk time of 5.41 minutes.
  - 78% of mail and documents are indexed by Support Specialists (EW Techs).
  - 14,315 work items were completed statewide in the regions.
  - Each region is processing for the counties within their region.
  - Week 2 Re-cap had 6,321 calls with an average of 9.17 minutes wait time, 6.02 minutes talk time.
  - 80% of mail/documents indexed by Support Specialists
  - 26,588 work items completed statewide.
  - Week 3 Re-cap had 8,659 calls with an average of 8.42 wait time and a 5.58 average talk time.
  - 4,539 documents were indexed by Support Specialists
  - 45,418 work items completed.
  - To address backlog issues, work is being disseminated across the state for other workers to get them caught up.
  - The call center is suffering from stress due to the number of calls they are trying to deal with.
  - Cass County is down so many workers, they may open positions to other zones/offices if they can't get the positions filled. We will need more office space if that occurs here.
  - They are looking at changes in staff schedules to help with retention and recruitment by offering 4/10-hour days or 4/9-hour days with leaving at noon on a different day. There are several other zones that are allowing their staff the option, but that leaves our staff filling in all the gaps. It was discussed that the different areas (swim lanes) would have to rotate days to fill hours as

coverage is a priority. We will need to cooperate with all the zones. One other option that has been used in Roughrider is everybody gets off at noon on Friday. Mandy and Jen have worked on a chart of how it would work and not cause hardship within the region. Vacation would require the use of 10-hour days to make this work.

#### Jenny Wetsch – Child Protection

- See the attached Statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
  - 83 total reports in February. 1 Report in Grant County
    - 43 assigned as Full Assessments
    - 2 ATP Assessments
    - 40 Administratively Assessed or Administrative Referrals
    - 2 Alt Response
    - 2 Child Sex Cases
    - 3 Prenatal Drug Cases
    - 0 Conflict case for another zone
- Parent Aid caseloads were steady at 10. (Jennifer Aguilar starts March 20 to replace Alicia Grimm, we will then be fully staffed in the parent aid area).

#### Natalie Anderson – Foster Care/In Home/FP Licensing—presented by Dennis Meier

- See the attached statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
- Currently we have 66 cases.
  - 50 Foster Care (33 Foster homes/PATH, 2 QRTP/PRTF, 13 Relative Care, 2 in the 18+)
  - 16 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Courtesy Case Management & Home Study's
- Cases have gone down from February 2022 to February 2023. This is in part due to many sibling groups being adopted and kids returning home.
- Sara Moran is starting on March 27<sup>th</sup> to replace Kendra Casavant.

#### Legislative Bills:

- HB 1494 School Meals. It states that a school can't deny a student the meal or provide an alternative meal, nor can they identify or distinguish a child on meal assistance or limit their activity in sports or other extracurriculars or make a child perform duties to pay meal debts or use a collection agency to collect the money. There is no stigmatizing of the child.
- SB 2139 Indigent Burial Bill. Responsibility of disposition with no family members or kin goes to the Human Services Director. It removes the liability of the Zone Director if a family member comes forward later after cremation. The bill allows for \$3,500 for cremation. All burials come from Zone budgets, and we need our future budgets to reflect the change.
- HB 1362 Parental interest in child upbringing with concerns to the Zones as it may cause conflict with duties or the custody of a child. (Parents don't always want to work with the Zones and this would make it difficult to make decisions for the safety of a child). Zones are opposing this bill.
- HB 1036 TANF Bill to increase the Benefit amount.
- SB 2012 Appropriations bill that includes DHS and Zone Budgets.
- SB 2084 Removes the option of childcare payments to go to parents and makes the only option for direct payments to childcare providers.
- HB 1036 Addresses the Benefit Cap for TANF.

- **SB 2273 Preserves Grocery Stores in rural areas. The Department wants a pilot project to support these grocery stores.**
- **SB 2486 Orders the review and study of like positions and years of service, to address pay increases only for those where there are gaps and disparities.**
- **Sarah Stolt presented to the directors on the Gallagher Equity Study. There are Zones which pay 100% Healthcare and retirement. The state was looking at how to compensate employees who pay a portion of their healthcare insurance. For Example, if an employee paid \$1,100 for health insurance he/she would be compensated with an increase in wages. Would this open the door to a discrimination law suit and how could the process be navigated? Sara stated, the money is available for us to get pay raises July 1<sup>st</sup>, but the legislature must approve the use of the funding for this purpose.**

**Other:**

- **County Days were held at the Heritage Center last week, Wednesday and Thursday. Jackie Buckley and Dennis Meier attended.**
- **There are several legislators who support making zone employees state employees. They feel it would be cheaper to make us state employees rather than going through the equity study and making zone employees whole.**
- **It has been proposed to change zones fiscal year to coincide with the state which is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. This would also give the annual raises July 1 instead of the Zones having to wait another 6 months for their raises on January 1.**
- **HB 1040 is on the PERS retirement, Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution. The PERS benefit program is in the hole. The PERS System needs the state to pay the retirees, which will most likely come from the Heritage Fund. The Defined Benefit helps with retaining employees, Defined Contribution is by the employee.**

**Adjourn:**

- **Moved by Jackie Buckley, seconded by Lori Flaaten to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:29 AM.**

**Next Meeting: April 20, 2023 – 10 AM, Mandan**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jodie Leier  
Fiscal Services  
Three Rivers Human Service Zone**

# THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE MONTHLY BILLING APPROVAL SHEET

For Month of: April 2023

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>		
Dirk, Jessica		56	
Hoff, Meaghan	\$	51.86	
ITD (Carson)	\$	5.00	
ITD (Ft Yates)	\$	20.00	
ITD (Mandan)	\$	350.00	
Keegan, Nicole	\$	28.13	
Schlag, Traci	\$	77.47	
Standing Rock Telecom	\$	26.05	
Stern Automotive	\$	70.88	
Sure Shred	\$	41.10	
West River Health Svcs	\$	60.00	
Credit Card (Leier)	\$	3,051.03	
WEX Card	\$	338.65	
Jackie Buckley	\$	5.25	\$ 50.00
RoseMary Lawson	\$	58.95	\$ 50.00
Lori Flaaten	\$	9.17	\$ 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:	\$	4,641.23	\$ 400.00
TOTAL:	\$	5,041.23	
APPROVALS:			
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DIRECTOR:		_____	

**Morton County**

**Expenditure Report with Detail Options**

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<b>SOCIAL WELFARE FUND</b>							
207.450.6101 / SALARIES	\$22,830.05	\$0.00	\$359,204.05	\$73,708.28	\$0.00	\$285,495.76	20.52%
207.450.6103 / TEMPORARY SALARIES	\$1,221.57	\$0.00	\$20,165.42	\$3,276.92	\$0.00	\$16,888.50	16.25%
207.450.6104 / LEAVE PAYOUTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
207.450.6111 / ON CALL SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	0.00%
207.450.6121 / PAID OVERTIME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
207.450.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,825.51	\$0.00	\$74,958.88	\$15,897.41	\$0.00	\$69,059.27	21.21%
207.450.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$1,714.50	\$0.00	\$30,688.05	\$5,488.37	\$0.00	\$25,201.88	17.82%
207.450.6300 / NDPERS DEF. BENEFIT	\$3,255.56	\$0.00	\$53,955.48	\$10,510.79	\$0.00	\$43,444.69	19.48%
207.450.6324 / PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%
207.450.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$7,725.00	0.98%
207.450.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$3,594.51	\$0.00	\$49,500.00	\$3,594.51	\$0.00	\$45,905.49	7.26%
207.450.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$780.81	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,524.42	\$0.00	(\$324.42)	127.04%
207.450.6363 / PUBLISHING & PRINTING	\$9.02	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$9.02	\$0.00	\$4,490.98	0.20%
207.450.6401 / OFFICE MATERIALS	\$480.54	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$884.30	\$0.00	\$4,315.70	13.89%
207.450.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	0.00%
207.450.6827 / TERMINAL COST	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	64.00%
207.451.6101 / SALARIES	\$94,895.83	\$0.00	\$1,212,759.80	\$278,616.08	\$0.00	\$934,143.52	22.97%
207.451.6121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.59	\$0.00	(\$205.59)	0.00%
207.451.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$21,334.98	\$0.00	\$318,057.84	\$62,584.06	\$0.00	\$255,473.78	19.68%
207.451.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$8,657.17	\$0.00	\$92,778.13	\$19,579.21	\$0.00	\$73,198.92	21.10%
207.451.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$13,532.08	\$0.00	\$172,939.52	\$39,704.37	\$0.00	\$133,235.15	22.98%
207.451.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$319.48	\$0.00	\$2,880.54	10.85%
207.451.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$28.05	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$28.05	\$0.00	\$473.95	5.21%
207.451.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
207.451.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	0.00%
207.451.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$1,790.00	10.50%

**Morton County**

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207.452.8101 / SALARIES	\$38,883.20	\$0.00	\$573,430.11	\$128,878.40	\$0.00	\$446,551.71	22.13%
207.452.8104 / LEAVE PAYOUTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,421.16	\$0.00	(\$10,421.16)	0.00%
207.452.8111 / STANDBY SALARIES	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	(\$2,300.00)	0.00%
207.452.8121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.35	\$0.00	(\$2,150.35)	0.00%
207.452.8211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,065.88	\$0.00	\$84,072.24	\$15,038.40	\$0.00	\$69,032.84	17.89%
207.452.8221 / FICA MATCH	\$2,923.35	\$0.00	\$43,887.40	\$10,441.81	\$0.00	\$33,425.79	23.80%
207.452.8300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$6,658.14	\$0.00	\$81,771.12	\$18,082.83	\$0.00	\$63,678.29	22.13%
207.452.8339 / MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATIONS & SUBSCR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00	(\$69.00)	0.00%
207.452.8341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$1,681.82	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$1,881.82	\$0.00	\$6,118.18	21.56%
207.452.8360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,120.00	0.00%
207.452.8401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$52.72	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$52.72	\$0.00	\$947.28	5.27%
207.452.8651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00	0.00%
207.452.8813 / HIGH RISK DAY CARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,250.00	0.00%
207.452.8827 / TERMINAL COST	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	18.00%
207.453.8101 / SALARIES	\$24,840.00	\$0.00	\$385,041.78	\$74,007.11	\$0.00	\$311,034.67	19.22%
207.453.8111 / STANDBY SALARIES	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	(\$1,600.00)	0.00%
207.453.8211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,743.38	\$0.00	\$57,908.12	\$8,230.14	\$0.00	\$49,675.98	14.21%
207.453.8221 / FICA MATCH	\$1,902.58	\$0.00	\$28,455.70	\$5,548.94	\$0.00	\$23,805.76	18.84%
207.453.8300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$3,642.20	\$0.00	\$54,908.97	\$10,553.45	\$0.00	\$44,353.52	19.22%
207.453.8339 / MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATIONS & SUBSCR	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	(\$180.00)	0.00%
207.453.8341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
207.453.8360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.00	0.00%
207.453.8651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,600.00	0.00%
207.453.8827 / TERMINAL COST	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$220.00	26.67%
207.455.8101 / SALARIES	\$3,435.20	\$0.00	\$81,631.29	\$14,294.40	\$0.00	\$47,336.89	23.19%
207.455.8211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$681.25	\$0.00	\$7,935.00	\$4,825.51	\$0.00	\$3,109.49	60.81%
207.455.8221 / FICA MATCH	\$254.22	\$0.00	\$4,714.79	\$1,009.64	\$0.00	\$3,705.15	21.41%

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207.455.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$489.88	\$0.00	\$8,788.62	\$2,038.38	\$0.00	\$8,760.24	23.16%
207.455.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$10.60	\$0.00	\$489.50	2.10%
207.455.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00	0.00%
207.455.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$32.20	\$0.00	\$267.80	10.73%
207.455.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	0.00%
207.455.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	4.00%
207.456.6101 / SALARIES	\$1,886.34	\$0.00	\$37,190.93	\$6,012.15	\$0.00	\$31,178.78	16.17%
207.456.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$935.62	\$0.00	\$7,635.00	\$2,806.86	\$0.00	\$5,128.14	35.37%
207.456.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$80.02	\$0.00	\$2,845.11	\$267.05	\$0.00	\$2,578.06	9.36%
207.456.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$269.00	\$0.00	\$5,303.43	\$857.33	\$0.00	\$4,446.10	16.17%
207.456.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$980.00	0.00%
207.457.6101 / SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	12.50%
207.457.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.60	\$3.83	\$0.00	\$26.77	12.62%
207.457.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$307.85	\$0.00	\$4,828.00	\$436.23	\$0.00	\$4,391.77	9.04%
207.459.6911 / EXPERT/PROFESSIONAL WITNESS FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
207.461.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$1,572.01	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,323.34	\$0.00	\$11,876.66	22.16%
207.462.6489 / MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$242.42	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$244.59	\$0.00	\$7,555.41	3.14%
207.462.6904 / GA BURIALS	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$7,057.40	\$0.00	\$22,942.60	23.52%
Total For SOCIAL WELFARE	\$279,748.02	\$0.00	\$4,010,906.88	\$847,029.18	\$0.00	\$3,163,877.80	21.12%

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Grand Total:	\$279,748.02	\$0.00	\$4,010,806.88	\$847,028.18	\$0.00	\$3,163,877.80	21.12%

End of Report

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The Covid report as of April 6, 2023, is Sioux County has 7 active cases. Morton has 13, Grant has 0 and Burleigh has 67, according to the ND dept of Health website. There are 414 new cases, statewide, for the week of 03-10-23. There were 270 active cases at this time last year.

There are approx. 120ish SRST foster children placed in ND foster homes that I help facilitate visits . 38 of these placements are SD IV E foster cases, 55 ND Tribal IV E cases and 180+ tribal 638 foster care placements. It's hard to get a firm number because Zones do not license Foster Homes anymore, so Zone workers don't know who is in their foster homes. 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. DHS has not sent out any current dollar amounts spent on SRST Tribal IV E children since Nov, 2022.

Standing Rock currently has 55 ND IV E cases.

I continue to attend monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribal 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 approx. 100+ 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 nonpayment issues. I have recently starting dealing with FC Medicaid payment issues for the whole human service zone. 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'm in the process of setting up IV E Admin reimbursement training for Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake, so they can start accessing IV E admin Reimbursement. This is an un cap reimbursement based on eligible IV E expenses.

Both TMSS and SLTSS requested onsite training on IV E reimbursement. They are both looking at filing for IV E reimbursement, which would be an additional money on top of the FMAP. We are trying to get some dates. I am also assisting the Admin Person at Spirit Lake. She is young with no experience and the director is an interim director and doesn't have experience completing forms for the BIA and I have assisted her getting instructions on how to complete forms and where to send them.

I sent an email offering to help MHA nation with their FMAP reimbursement. They have not submitted for this biennium and apparently must submit paperwork for last Biennium because of some problem.

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## Three Rivers Human Service Zone- Economic Assistance Report

### March 2023 Information

#### Backlog for Region 3:

- 144 February applications still pending as of 3/24/2023 ( all programs )
- 527 March Applications still pending as of 3/24/2023 ( all programs )

#### Region 3 program work completed:

Week of February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Completed 4,950 cases

Week of March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>- Completed 5,644 cases

Week of March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> – No Data available

Week of March 20<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> – Completed 4,368 cases

#### Call Center Stats (statewide):

<u>Week</u>	<u>Calls recived by call center</u>	<u>Minutes of average wait time</u>	<u>Minutes of average talk time</u>
February 27 <sup>th</sup> to March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,659	8:42	5:58
March 6 <sup>th</sup> to March 10 <sup>th</sup>	7,824	9:35	6:28
March 13 <sup>th</sup> to March 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Data	No Data	No Data
March 20 <sup>th</sup> to March 24 <sup>th</sup>	6,901	10:41	6:25

Statewide Email ([applyforhelp@nd.gov](mailto:applyforhelp@nd.gov)) clients use to send in case information, this is maintained by Call Center as of 4/12/2023 is currently two weeks behind.

#### Economic Assistance Program Updates:

*Health Care Coverage*- Public Health Emergency has ended effective on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. States were provided with a choice on when to begin the ending of the continuous enrollment condition. North Dakota chose to implement this rule starting with reviews due in May 2023 for benefits beginning June 1, 2023. This review process will continue over the next 14 months until all cases have had a full review. At that time individuals who do not meet program requirements will have a case closure.

**THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE**

**Child Protection Reports March 1 to Mar 31st**

-Of the 95 total reports in March, 39 Administratively Assessed (AA)/Administrative Referrals (AR), and 5 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

Grant County- 1

Sioux County- 0 (non-reservation cases)

- \* Total number of Alternative Response cases-0
- \* Total number of Child Sexual Behavior (CSB) cases- 2
- \*Total number of Prenatal Exposure (drugs/alcohol)- 1
- \*Total number of courtesy interview requests- 0 from another zone, 0 LE assist
- \* Conflict cases for another Zone- 0

**Beginning Mar caseload-**

**Opened/Closed- Mar 1- Mar 31st-**

CPS Supervisor (JW)- 5	Opened-3, Closed-2, End- 6 (*0 combine)
CPS Worker (KO)- 18	Opened-9, Closed- 12, End-15 (*1 new reports received on open cases)
CPS Worker (AS)- 9	Opened-14, Closed-6, End-17 (*4 new reports received on open cases)
CPS Worker (MH)-25	Opened-8, Closed-6, End-27 (*5 new reports received on open cases)
CPS Worker (BM)- 16	Opened-14, Closed-12, End-18 (*1 new reports received on open case)

**Parent Aide Caseload**

<b>KH -</b>	<b>Jan(22)</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
	14	14	14	17	17	13	12	12	12	10	13	12	9	10	10
<b>JA-</b>	<b>Jan(22)</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
	10	10	8	10	11	10	13	13	11	9	11	7	6	vacant	7

**TOTAL 960 REP (Full, ATP, AA, AR, Combine)**

	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	74	67	90
FEBRUARY	93	83	83
MARCH	107	88	95
APRIL	81	81	
MAY	85	86	
JUNE	77	79	
JULY	55	59	
AUGUST	79	74	
SEPTEMBER	93	85	
OCTOBER	74	66	
NOVEMBER	87	71	
DECEMBER	77	71	
YEAR TOTAL	982	910	268

**FULL AND ATP (includes combined 960's)**

	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	50	31	53
FEBRUARY	64	41	43
MARCH	69	55	56
APRIL	56	52	
MAY	58	57	
JUNE	41	40	
JULY	33	36	
AUGUST	45	39	
SEPTEMBER	50	38	
OCTOBER	50	30	
NOVEMBER	45	43	
DECEMBER	40	40	
YEAR TOTAL	601	502	152

# TRHSZ FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME

## CASE LOADs March 2023

**CASE LOADS TOTALS = 72**

**52 Foster care – (Foster care is counted by child)**

**33- foster homes/PATH      2-QRTP/PRTF      15-Relative Care      2-18+**

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

	Opened	Closed
<b>2022</b>		
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2023</b>		
<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

**2021 – TRHSZ**

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

**2022- TRHSZ**

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

**2023-TRHSZ**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
77	66	72									

	2022			2023		
<b>KC</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	
Foster Care	7	7	6	7	end	
In-Home	3	3	3	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>LE</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	7	6	6	6	6	6
In-Home	5	5	4	2	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>KP</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	11	10	10	5	5	7
In-Home	2	3	3	3		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TM</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	8	8	7	7	5	4
In-Home	2	2	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TS</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	NEW	1	2	2	4	3
In-Home		1	2	2	2	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>NK</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	12	12	11	11	12	12
In-Home	2	2	2	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>JD</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	5	5	8	8	8	8
In-Home	7	6	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>EV</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
Foster Care	13	13	12	12	10	11
In-Home			1	2	1	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>