

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: May 22, 2018

TIME: 10:10 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Wetsch, Ron Leingang, Ernie Fitterer, and Andy Zachmeier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Mary Lawson

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, Ernie Fitterer, to approve the May 22nd, 2018 Agenda and the April 24th, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, made a motion to approve all May 2018 bills except for the flower bill stemming from the Region VII Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coalition. Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, seconded the motion.

Board member, Ron Leingang, moved to approve all May 2018 bills. Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, seconded the motion, Chairperson, Del Wetsch, called a roll call vote. Voting aye: Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, and Board Member, Ron Leingang. Voting nay: Board Member, Andy Zachmeier. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, has decided not to pursue reappointment on the MCSS board. His term will expire the end of June 2018. His final Board meeting will be June 26, 2018. Morton County will advertise for Mr. Fitterer's replacement.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for April 2018 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total April 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$222,473.77.

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 April 2018.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for April 2018; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from April 1, 2018 through April 31, 2018 and Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from May 1, 2017 through May 1, 2018. Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, is still working to fill 1 remaining Eligibility Worker position.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

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

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 through April 2018 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018. Also discussed was the outcome of the State Review of Region VII CPS, Foster Care and In-Home Services.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Emergency Temp Positions for Foster Care Licensing and Child Protection Services

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, will continue to provide the board with monthly updates regarding expenditures utilized to fund both emergency temp positions.

Emergency Temp Position for Income Maintenance Unit (Review)

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, discussed the need for continuing the approval for the Emergency Temp Eligibility Worker through June 2018. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, moved to approve the Emergency Temp Position for the Income Maintenance Unit through June 2018. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed a 2019 Budget Memo from Dawn Rhone, Morton County Auditor. Discussion followed.

Kristen Cox, Increasing Efficiency and Effectiveness Presentation (Video)

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, showed a video presentation. Discussion followed.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for April 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3708, opened cases = 217 and closed cases = 164.

Board member, Ron Leingang, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 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
Office Assistant III