

## **MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

**TIME:** 10:05 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, Andy Zachmeier, to approve the January 23rd, 2018 Agenda and the December 26th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, made a motion to pay the January 2018 bills. Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **Jodie Fetch and Keith Johnson – Custer District Health**

Jodie Fetch and Keith Johnson from Custer District Health presented a power point presentation on the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP). Discussion followed.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for December 2017 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total Social Service Expenditures for December have not been determined yet since December 2017 has not been closed out by the Auditor's office.

### **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 December 2017.

### **IMU REPORT**

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for December 2017; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from January 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Also, Phase 2 rollout of SPACES was discussed.

### **FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT**

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

## **CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 to December 2017 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Emergency Temp Position for Foster Care Licensing**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, requested for Board approval to extend the Emergency Temp Foster Care Licensor position into February 2018 and be reviewed again at the February 2018 Board Meeting.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve the Emergency Temp Foster Care Licensor position extending through the month of February 2018. This is to be relooked at in the February 2018 Board Meeting. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motioned. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Emergency Temporary Position for part time Parent Aide**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, discussed the possibility of approval for another part-time position within MCSS. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve the Emergency Temp Position for a part time Parent Aide with approval from Dawn Rhone, Morton County Auditor and Wendy Bent, Human Resources Director. This is to be revisited at the February 2018 Board Meeting. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motioned. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Region VII Social Service Board Committee (Cont. or Disband)**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed 4 emails from other County Directors within the Region VII Social Service Board Committee. Discussion followed.

#### **Social Service Board Meeting to be moved to County Commission Room Permanently**

The Morton County Social Service Board will continue to meet in the Morton County Commission room on a monthly basis with the exception of any scheduling conflicts.

Due to the 2018 Christmas Holiday falling on a Tuesday of this year the MCSS board has agreed to move the meeting to Thursday, December 27, 2018.

#### **Morton County caseload data information (Foster Care/In-home, Parent Aide, HCBS and CPS)**

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, and Bonita Moch, Supervisor of HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure, distributed caseload stats. Discussion followed.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for December 2017 is as follows: Current cases = 3505, opened cases = 212 and closed cases = 191.

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

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.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