

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 26, 2018

TIME: 10:14 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Wetsch, Ernie Fitterer, Rose Mary Lawson and Andy Zachmeier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Leingang

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 June 26th, 2018 Agenda and the May 22nd, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, moved to approve all June 2018 bills. Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for May 2018 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total May 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$238,662.10.

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 May 2018.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for May 2018; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018 and Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from June 1, 2017 through June 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 December 2017 through May 2018. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from December 2017 through May 2018 were also distributed along with the total number of Licensed Foster Homes. Also discussed was the resignation of a Social Worker III. Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, will be working on the rehiring process to fill the vacant Social Worker III position.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 through May 2018 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, also distributed the BCSS Law Enforcement Emergency Removal form and the ND SFN 960 form. Discussion followed.

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 approval for the Emergency Temp Position for Income Maintenance Unit is no longer needed. The approval for the Emergency Temp position will expire on 6/27/2018.

MCSS Indigent Burial (GA) Policy

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Chapter 700 General Assistance Burials Policy. Discussion followed.

Board member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve the change in paragraph 707 of GA Burial Policy to read "Consideration will be given to strongly expressed religious convictions or moral convictions of the decedent or the decedent's family." Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

2019 MCSS Projected Budget (Draft)

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the 2019 MCSS Projected Budget (Draft). Discussion followed.

Board member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve the preliminary 2019 MCSS Projected Budget which has been submitted to the Morton County Auditor's Office for Review. Board Member, Ernie Fitterer, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

SB 2206 Updates

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, discussed an upcoming SB 2206 CPS and day care licensing pilot that will be taking place sometime this year within selected counties throughout ND. Discussion followed.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for May 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3808, opened cases = 198 and closed cases = 188.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 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
Office Assistant III