

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: May 28, 2019

TIME: 10:07 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, Brittany Slack, Office Assistant 111, Dawn Rhone, MC Auditor, Brian Grosinger, MC State Attorney, Karin Stave, West Central Human Service Center, and Janine Kersey Russell, Foster Parent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, to approve the May 28, 2019, agenda as amended. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the April 23, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve payment of all May 2019 bills with the exception of the PATH bill for Foster Parent Appreciation Day and the DaWise Perry Funeral Home bill due to lack of documentation. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, motioned to move the PATH bill for \$2000.00 for Foster and Adoptive Parent Appreciation to the MCSS Board Meeting on June 25, 2019, for further documentation. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, provided the required documentation for the DaWise Perry bill.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve the DaWise Perry bill. Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for April 2019 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total April 2019 Social Service Expenditures were \$252,557.58.

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Bonita Moch, Supervisor of HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure, distributed Current Case Count for Adult Services, Adult Foster Homes, CSHS, and Child Care Providers for April 2019.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019; Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from May 1, 2018 through May 1, 2019; History of Morton County LIHEAP Benefits from 2013 through April 30, 2019; and History of Morton County SNAP Issuances from January 2013 through March 2019.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from January 2018 through April 2019. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from November 2018 through April 2019 and the Foster Home Report in which includes total number of licensed homes, homes in process of licensure and inquiries.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2017 through April 2019 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Senate Bill 2124 and Zone Development Update

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed a Timeline for Implementation of Senate Bill 2124. Discussion followed.

Morton County Zone Resolution

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Morton County, ND Resolution to form joint Tri-County Human Service Zone agreement. Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, also shared recent information regarding a Zone Development Meeting that was held at Morton County Social Services on 5/22/2019. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved the MC Social Service Board should recommend the MC Commission approve the resolution to form a Joint Tri-County Human Service Zone with Sioux County and Grant County as presented. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Region VII Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coalition Bill Approvals

Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, moved to approve continuing administering Region VII Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coalition Program through December 2019. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. Chairperson, Del Wetsch, called a roll call vote. Voting aye: Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, and Board Member, Ron Leingang; Voting nay: Board Member, Andy Zachmeier and Chairperson, Del Wetsch. Motion carried.

Dawn Rhone, MC Auditor, finalized the decision to end Morton County's responsibility of administering the Region VII Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coalition Program at the end of June 2019.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for February 2019 is as follows: Current cases = 3544, opened cases = 222 and closed cases = 171.

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

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday June 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

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