

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 25, 2019

TIME: 10:06 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 III

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, to approve the June 25, 2019 Agenda and the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, moved to approve payment of all June 2019 bills. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for May 2019 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total May 2019 Social Service Expenditures were \$260,423.69.

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 May 2019. Also discussed, were the three Morton County HCBS workers who potentially will become state employees effective 12/31/2019 and the Child Care Pilot program that goes into effect July 2019.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019; Summary of SNAP statistics for April 2019; Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from June 1, 2018 through June 1, 2019; History of Morton County LIHEAP Benefits from 2013 through May 28, 2019; and History of Morton County SNAP Issuances from January 2013 through April 2019.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from January 2018 through May 2019. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from November 2018 through May 2019 and the Foster Home Report in which includes total number of licensed homes, homes in process of licensure and inquiries. Also discussed is how the Morton County Foster Care Licensor is also currently licensing for Dakota Central.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2017 through May 2019 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Also discussed is how Morton County Child Protection Services are currently taking all of Sioux County and Grant County Child Protection Reports.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Senate Bill 2124 and Zone Development Update

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed Social Service Redesign Senate Bill 2124 Frequently Asked Questions Handout; Social Service Redesign Senate Bill 2124 For Reference in Discussion Handout and an email from Terry Traynor regarding the Social Service Redesign. Discussion followed.

County Burial Funding for 2020

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed Chapter 700 General Assistance Burial Policy; Breakdown of Costs; an email from DaWise Perry Funeral Home requesting a rate adjustment for the Burial Assistance Program; Chapter 23-06 Care and Custody of Dead and S.B. No. 2124 – Page 10 Section 17 Amendment 23-06-03 Duty of Final Disposition - Indigent Burial - Decedents Instructions. Discussion followed. This item will be revisited at the next Morton County Social Service Board Meeting.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for May 2019 is as follows: Current cases = 3425, opened cases = 203 and closed cases = 219.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 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