

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: July 24, 2018

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Del Wetsch, 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, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the July 24th, 2018 Agenda and the June 26th, 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 July 2018 bills. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier distributed letters in reference to the disbursement of the Region VII Social Service Committee Funds and closure of committee. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, moved to approve Region VII disbandment and \$21.81 to be reimbursed to each county within Region VII. Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Wendy Bent, Human Resource Director, discussed proposal ideas for the 2019 Morton County Salary Increase.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for June 2018 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total June 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$251,962.39.

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 June 2018.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for June 2018; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018; Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from July 1, 2017 through July 1, 2018 and History of Morton County SNAP Issuance from January 2012 to June 2018.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from January 2018 through June 2018. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from January 2018 through July 2018 and licensed foster home totals were also distributed. Also discussed, was the agreement between counties form allowing other foster child placing agencies to use licensed foster homes in Morton County.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 through June 2018 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

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.

ND Association of County Social Service Board Members Annual Meeting

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed a "Save the Date" memo in reference to the ND Association of County Social Service Board Members Annual Meeting. Discussion followed.

MCSS Indigent Burial (GA) Policy

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

Review of Applications for Vacant MCSS Board Position

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed 2 applications received for consideration regarding the vacant MCSS Board Position. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier moved to hold interviews at 11:00 a.m. at the next Morton County Social Board Meeting on August 28, 2018. Motion died for lack of second.

Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, moved to table the decision until the next Morton County Social Board Meeting on August 28, 2018. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for June 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3235, opened cases = 178 and closed cases = 207.

Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 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