

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: November 27, 2018

TIME: 10:07 AM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Meier, MCSS Director; Jodie Leier, Office Assistant II; Wendy Bent, HR

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the November 27, 2018 Agenda. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Board Member, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the October 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier moved to approve payment of all bills with the exception of Foster Care & Recruitment Coalition Bills. Motion died for lack of a second. Edgar Oliveira, moved to approve all monthly bills. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All other board members voted in favor with board member, Andy Zachmeier, opposed. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for October 2018 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total October 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$229,020.69.

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Bonita Moch, HCBS & Childcare Provider Licensure Supervisor, distributed Current Case Count for Adult Services, Adult Foster Homes, CSHS, and Child Care Providers for October 2018.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for October 2018; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from October 1, 2018 through October 30, 2018 and Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from November 1, 2017 through November 1, 2018. Brenda also presented the utilization histories of Morton County's LIHEAP, TANF, SNAP and CCAP for the last several years.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, on behalf of Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report October 2018. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals October 2018. Also, the Foster Home Report which includes total number of licensed homes, homes in process of licensure and inquiries.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Total Assessments from January 2016 through October 2018 and Morton County Child Protection Total Reports from October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Authorized Morton County Holidays, Floating Holiday Discussion

Dennis Meier turned the floor over to Andy Zachmeier as a Morton County Commissioner to discuss and explain what has been talked about at the county commission level regarding holidays, a floating holiday benefit and utilizing minimal manpower to keep the courthouse open.

Emergency Temp Positions for Foster Care Licensing and Child Protection Services

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, informed the board MCSS did not receive an application for the CPS emergency temp position until Friday, November 23. For 2018 we have used 21,497.33 of the 36,000 approved for emergency hire salaries. It was agreed, MCSS will hold off on filling the CPS emergency temp position.

Email from Larson, Latham Huettl Law Firm

The agency had received an email regarding how efficient, helpful and professional our staff are whenever this law firm has dealings with our agency. They wanted to recognize our Eligibility Team for the great job that they do on behalf of the public we serve.

Equifax Work Number Database Information

Dennis Meier, MCCS Director, and Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, shared information on the changes coming from the current Equifax System which is used to verify employment for customers receiving economic assistance. Discussion Followed.

Senate Bill 2206 Committee Work Update

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, and Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, shared information regarding Morton County taking part in a 12 county economic assistance pilot project. Discussion Followed. It was the consensus of this board to hold a special meeting of the Social Services Board to review the county redesign bill now that it has been submitted to the governor for review.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for October 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3413 opened cases = 330 and closed cases = 189.

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

The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 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

Jodie Leier
Office Assistant III