

## **MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 26, 2019

**TIME:** 10:07 am

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Del Wetsch, Andy Zachmeier, Ron Leingang and Edgar Oliveira

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rose Mary Lawson

**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 February 26, 2019 Agenda and the February 5, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, moved to approve all January 2019 bills. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for December 2018 and January 2019 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total December 2018 Social Service Expenditures were \$259,691.27. Total January 2019 Social Service Expenditures were \$238,990.56

### **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 January 2019. Also discussed, was the new Community Transition Services Program. The MCSS Board Members agreed with the MCSS Director to decline the option of the contracted service due to the 2019 budget already being approved.

### **INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT**

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for January 2019; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019; Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from February 1, 2018 through February 1, 2019; History of Morton County LIHEAP Benefits from 2013 through January 29, 2019; History of Morton County TANF Issuance from January 2013 through January 2019; History of Morton County SNAP Issuance from January 2013 through February 2019 and History of Morton County CCAP Payments from January 2017 through January 2019. Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, shared the results from the December 2018 Quality Improvement and Civil Rights State SNAP Review. Also discussed was the resignation of two Eligibility Worker's. Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, is currently working on the rehiring process to fill 2 upcoming vacancies both for an Eligibility Worker I position.

### **FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT**

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from January 2018 through January 2019. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from August 2018 through January 2019 and the Foster Home Report in which includes total number of licensed homes, homes in process of licensure and inquiries. Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, shared that the advertised position for a part time Parent Aide was filled effective February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. Also discussed, was the results from the 2016 Office of the Inspector General's Federal Audit.

**CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2017 through January 2019 and Morton County Child Protection Reports from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Senate Bill 2124 Update**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, shared recent information regarding Senate Bill 2124. Discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the board to amend a previously approved letter in which was disseminated to the Senate Human Services Committee Members and Local District Legislators in response to Senate Bill 2124. A MCSS Board Member will testify to the amended letter that will be forwarded to the House Human Service Committee in response to Senate Bill 2124.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for September 2018 is as follows: Current cases = 3721, opened cases = 270 and closed cases = 180.

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

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

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It was the consensus of this board to compose a letter in which will be sent to the House Human Service Committee and Local District Legislators in response to Senate Bill 2124. A special board meeting will be scheduled to review and approve this letter before disseminating to the House Human Service Committee members and local legislators. A MCSS Board Member will testify to the amended letter before the House Human Service Committee.

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