

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 28, 2019

Morton County Commission Room

Morton County Court House

210 2nd Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota

10:00 am

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Approval of May 2019 Bills

Budget Review

Bonita Moch - HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure Supervisor

Adult Services Report

Child Care Report

Brenda Peterson - Eligibility Supervisor

Economic Assistance Program Activity Report

Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report

History of Morton County LIHEAP Program

History of Morton County SNAP Issuance

Natalie Anderson - Foster Care Supervisor

Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Report

Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Report

Foster Home Licensing Report

Jenny Wetsch - Child Protection Supervisor

Child Protection Services Report

Monthly Child Protection Assessment

Senate Bill 2124 and Zone Development Update

Morton County Zone Resolution

Region VII Foster Care Recruitment/Retention Coalition Bill Approvals

ADJOURN

Certain portions of the meeting may be closed due to Executive Session for confidentiality reasons per NDCC 44-04-19.2.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 10:00am

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: April 23, 2019

TIME: 10:06 am

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

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, Andy Zachmeier, to amend the April 23, 2019 Agenda adding MCSS Emails and MCSS Directors Yearly Evaluation. 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 March 26, 2019 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 April 2019 bills. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for March 2019 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total March 2019 Social Service Expenditures were \$338,936.86.

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed Current Case Count for Adult Services, Adult Foster Homes, CSHS, and Child Care Providers for March 2019.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT REPORT

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019; Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report from April 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019; History of Morton County LIHEAP Benefits from 2013 through March 26, 2019; and History of Morton County CCAP Payments from January 2017 through March 2019. Also, Brenda provided an update regarding SPACES Phase 2.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from January 2018 through March 2019. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from October 2018 through March 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

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

West River Conference Registration Form

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the 2019 WRCSW Registration Form. Discussion followed.

Senate Bill 2124 Update

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

MCSS Directors Yearly Evaluation

Del Wetsch, MCSS Chairperson, will distribute a rough draft of the 2018 MCSS Directors Evaluation to each of the Board Member via email requesting their input before finalization.

MCSS Emails

Andy Zachmeier, MCSS Board Member, discussed the possibility of having all MCSS Board Members assigned a Morton County email for business use. Discussion followed.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for February 2019 is as follows: Current cases = 3572, opened cases = 180 and closed cases = 195.

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

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday May 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

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

Morton County

Expenditure Report with Detail Options

Fiscal Year: 2019-2019

From Date: 4/1/2019

To Date: 4/30/2019

Account Mask: ??????????

Exclude PR encumbrance Include pre encumbrance Print accounts with zero balance

Account Number / Description	Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
SOCIAL WELFARE FUND							
207.450.6101 / SALARIES	\$172,394.76	\$0.00	\$2,206,778.88	\$756,102.54	\$0.00	\$1,450,676.34	34.26%
207.450.6102 / DEFERRED COMP. BENEFIT	\$445.74	\$0.00	\$5,794.73	\$2,005.83	\$0.00	\$3,788.90	34.61%
207.450.6111 / ON CALL SALARIES	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$2,738.00	\$915.00	\$0.00	\$1,823.00	33.42%
207.450.6121 / PAID OVERTIME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$20.28	\$0.00	\$5,979.72	0.34%
207.450.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$32,062.58	\$0.00	\$390,320.00	\$123,719.50	\$0.00	\$266,600.50	31.70%
207.450.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$12,314.99	\$0.00	\$169,930.34	\$54,545.63	\$0.00	\$115,384.71	32.10%
207.450.6241 / WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$4,226.74	\$0.00	\$2,273.26	65.03%
207.450.6251 / UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,040.00	0.00%
207.450.6300 / NDPERS DEF. BENEFIT	\$22,836.48	\$0.00	\$308,505.70	\$102,218.31	\$0.00	\$206,287.39	33.13%
207.450.6321 / PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	0.00%
207.450.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$2,955.00	15.57%
207.450.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$4,292.63	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$5,066.06	\$0.00	\$16,933.94	23.03%
207.450.6343 / REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$1,761.70	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$10,253.51	\$0.00	\$15,746.49	39.44%
207.450.6351 / UTILITIES	\$1,540.88	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$6,334.44	\$0.00	\$13,665.56	31.67%
207.450.6359 / POSTAGE	\$1,287.32	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,287.32	\$0.00	\$4,712.68	21.46%
207.450.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$204.06	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$944.32	\$0.00	\$2,055.68	31.48%
207.450.6361 / TELEPHONE	\$818.27	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,449.27	\$0.00	\$5,550.73	30.62%
207.450.6381 / COPIER EXPENSE	\$398.23	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,534.77	\$0.00	\$1,865.23	45.14%
207.450.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$121.97	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,737.10	\$0.00	\$5,762.90	23.16%
207.450.6412 / SUPPLIES-COMPUTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
207.450.6499 / CLIENT AID	\$405.61	\$0.00	\$7,250.00	\$571.15	\$0.00	\$6,678.85	7.88%
207.450.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$700.16	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$965.40	\$0.00	\$24,034.60	3.86%
207.450.6904 / GA BURIALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$19,950.00	11.33%
207.450.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$790.00	\$0.00	\$7,210.00	9.88%
207.450.6907 / SHELTER CARE	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	27.78%
207.450.6911 / EXPERT/PROFESSIONAL WITNESS FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,975.00	1.25%

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Expenditure Report with Detail Options

Fiscal Year: 2019-2019

From Date: 4/1/2019

To Date: 4/30/2019

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Account Number / Description	Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
207.450.6912 / CWB PER DIEM	\$52.20	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$205.65	\$0.00	\$2,294.35	8.23%
207.450.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	(\$60.00)	0.00%
207.450.6932 / PRINTER EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$3,355.00	4.14%
Total For SOCIAL WELFARE	\$252,557.58	\$0.00	\$3,275,157.65	\$1,080,217.82	\$0.00	\$2,194,939.83	32.98%

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Expended PTD

Original Budget

Amended Budget

Expended YTD

Encumbered YTD

Unexpended Bal

% Used

Grand Total:

\$252,557.58

\$0.00

\$3,275,157.65

\$1,080,217.82

\$0.00

\$2,194,939.83

32.98%

End of Report

CURRENT CASE COUNT

May 2019 for April 2019

ADULT SERVICES

142— (same)

Opened 3 new cases

Closed 3

Inquiries/ Denied—est. 6
Totaling est. 18 units

6—pending

Worker breakdown

BM —34 cases (18 BC, 8 MW, 2 MSP/PCS, 6 SPED)

LC—52 cases (16 BC, 12 MW, 5MSP/PCS, 18 SPED, 1 Ex-SPED)

PW—56cases (20 BC, 17 MW, 5 MSP/PCS, 14 SPED, 1 Ex- SPED)

FOSTER HOMES (BM)

No Adult Foster Homes

CHILD CARE (LA)

56—licensed (decrease from 58)

5—self-declared (down from 6)

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES (BM)

13—Treatment Services

Closed 2

1 inquiry

9—Diagnostic (same)

**SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACTIVITY
as of 05/01/2019**

Program Activity 04/01/2019 THROUGH 04/30/2019

NEW APPLICATIONS

Program	Period of 04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019			Period of 03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019
	Received	Approved	Denied	Received
TANF	5	1	4	8
SNAP	71	49	22	62
Medicaid	39	28	11	31
ACA/Expansion	77	57	20	90
Child Care	6	2	4	7
Basic Care	0	0	0	4
Foster Care	0	0	0	0
Sub-Adoption	4	4	0	0
GA Burial	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	203	142	61	202

Change from Last Period +1 Applications

CASE CLOSINGS

Program	Period of 04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019	Period of 03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019
	Case Closings	Case Closings
TANF	1	1
SNAP	46	49
Medicaid	16	20
ACA/Expansion	34	51
Child Care	3	3
Basic Care	0	0
Foster Care	4	4
Sub-Adoption	0	0
TOTAL	104	128

Change from Last Period -24 Cases Closed

*** LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Period of 04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019				Period of 03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019
Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Received
16	22	1	1	21

Y-T-D Totals as of 05/01/2019

5MS	475	78	
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REVIEWS OF ELIGIBILITY COMPLETED ON OPEN CASES

Program	Period of 04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019	Period of 03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019
	Reviews Completed	Reviews Completed
TANF	1	0
SNAP	69	69
Medicaid	54	58
ACA/Expansion	57	58
Child Care	1	0
Basic Care	1	5
Foster Care	1	4
Sub-Adoption	0	0
TOTAL	184	194

Change from Last Period -10 Reviews Completed

**UNDUPLICATED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD REPORT
(AS OF 1ST DAY OF MONTH)**

	5/1/18	6/1/18	7/1/18	8/1/18	9/1/18	10/1/18	11/1/18	12/1/18	1/1/19	2/1/19	3/1/19	4/1/19	5/1/19	Difference between 5/1/2019 & 4/1/2019	Difference between 5/1/2018 & 5/1/2019
TANF	3	3	4	4	5	4	2	2	3	4	2	3	3	0	0
TANF/SNAP	11	16	17	20	15	15	24	22	16	17	12	10	5	-5	-6
TANF/ME	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	-1	-1
TANF/ME/QS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TANF/SNAP/ME	5	5	7	5	6	6	7	6	6	5	7	7	9	2	4
TANF/SNAP/QS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNAP	516	552	536	523	515	517	516	497	493	505	497	416	319	-97	-197
SNAP/ME	149	160	159	156	156	149	155	154	155	155	155	199	316	117	167
SNAP/QS	43	54	53	53	55	58	76	78	79	76	73	59	72	13	29
SNAP/ME/QS	99	110	110	109	114	115	92	88	86	93	89	83	80	-3	-19
ME	502	502	512	521	533	528	525	526	533	554	523	548	577	29	75
ME/QS	93	97	103	98	95	97	90	93	97	96	97	108	107	-1	14
QS	34	29	29	30	32	28	34	40	42	41	41	42	45	3	11
ACA/EXPANSION	1255	1245	1229	1223	1221	1223	1231	1244	1240	1250	1208	1158	1057	-101	-198
LIHEAP	513	525	0	0	0	101	192	315	378	408	434	457	475	18	-38
CHILD CARE	59	56	59	62	65	66	67	68	69	66	63	61	57	-4	-2
FOSTER CARE	48	53	50	49	49	47	48	51	46	50	46	42	42	0	-6
SUB ADOPT	40	46	42	43	42	43	37	37	44	42	42	42	40	-2	0
BASIC CARE	48	50	47	48	48	44	45	42	48	44	44	44	43	-1	-5
TOTALS	3419	3504	2958	2945	2952	3042	3142	3265	3336	3408	3334	3280	3247	-33	-172

History of Morton County LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance) Benefits

Description	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019 As of 04/30/2019
# of Approved-Regular	495	497	485	454	457	539	475
Amount of Benefits - Regular Benefits	\$ 271,317.24	\$ 367,909.05	\$ 267,590.72	\$ 163,259.93	\$ 205,421.91	\$ 272,889.89	\$ 214,970.42
# of Approved - Emergency	211	192	214	196	190	231	135
Amount of Benefits - Emergency Benefits	\$ 42,266.77	\$ 45,977.30	\$ 49,869.46	\$ 50,056.78	\$ 51,757.54	\$ 59,973.63	\$ 28,210.74
TOTAL	\$ 313,584.01	\$ 413,886.35	\$ 317,460.18	\$ 213,316.71	\$ 257,179.45	\$ 332,863.52	\$ 243,181.16

History of Morton County SNAP Issuance

Month		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	# of HH	889	874	807	849	857	906	864
	# of Individuals	1,940	1,876	1708	1,808	1,832	1908	1772
	Issuance Amt	\$ 236,248.00	\$ 207,240.00	\$ 190,385.00	\$ 207,398.00	\$ 209,417.00	\$ 223,771.00	\$ 355,030.00
February	# of HH	883	870	821	869	860	894	120
	# of Individuals	1,920	1,860	1750	1,870	1,839	1872	290
	Issuance Amt	\$ 235,120.00	\$ 207,262.00	\$ 197,768.00	\$ 214,593.00	\$ 209,151.00	\$ 220,726.00	\$ 30,103.00
March	# of HH	877	860	810	850	852	910	847
	# of Individuals	1,883	1,802	1714	1,850	1,816	1906	1718
	Issuance Amt	\$ 229,377.00	\$ 202,180.00	\$ 194,142.00	\$ 211,416.00	\$ 212,221.00	\$ 221,225.00	\$ 191,546.00
April	# of HH	864	846	828	869	855	926	
	# of Individuals	1,861	1,761	1760	1,906	1,813	1964	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 229,123.00	\$ 195,865.00	\$ 203,384.00	\$ 214,320.00	\$ 208,762.00	\$ 228,825.00	
May	# of HH	838	842	832	867	855	919	
	# of Individuals	1,793	1,766	1769	1,906	1,808	1952	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 224,314.00	\$ 195,868.00	\$ 203,509.00	\$ 214,320.00	\$ 214,797.00	\$ 228,247.00	
June	# of HH	826	826	809	876	845	905	
	# of Individuals	1,753	1,752	1687	1,904	1,791	1945	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 214,905.00	\$ 194,734.00	\$ 198,153.00	\$ 216,228.00	\$ 209,636.00	\$ 224,002.00	
July	# of HH	831	802	780	874	826	888	
	# of Individuals	1,757	1,709	1610	1,882	1,745	1,890	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 215,001.00	\$ 189,264.00	\$ 192,012.00	\$ 216,430.00	\$ 207,333.00	\$ 221,402.00	
August	# of HH	829	792	788	885	831	876	
	# of Individuals	1,801	1670	1626	1,913	1,742	1,841	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 217,442.00	\$ 182,408.00	\$ 190,696.00	\$ 219,511.00	\$ 207,702.00	\$ 214,455.00	
September	# of HH	809	809	794	896	855	882	
	# of Individuals	1,718	1745	1671	1,913	1773	1819	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 209,009.00	\$ 188,884.00	\$ 193,072.00	\$ 219,511.00	\$ 211,955.00	\$ 210,626.00	
October	# of HH	803	804	792	877	844	882	
	# of Individuals	1,709	1710	1636	1,892	1771	1819	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 205,544.00	\$ 197,987.00	\$ 189,155.00	\$ 217,656.00	\$ 210,645.00	\$ 210,626.00	
November	# of HH	815	801	797	866	859	880	
	# of Individuals	1,740	1709	1642	1,844	1796	1824	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 194,415.00	\$ 193,803.00	\$ 191,276.00	\$ 213,061.00	\$ 213,603.00	\$ 205,797.00	
December	# of HH	827	819	829	846	896	882	
	# of Individuals	1,772	1743	1735	1,786	1,867	1835	
	Issuance Amt	\$ 197,528.00	\$ 196,438.00	\$ 200,050.00	\$ 208,348.00	\$ 222,026.00	\$ 203,321.00	
Total	Issuance Amt	\$ 2,608,026.00	\$ 2,351,933.00	\$ 2,343,602.00	\$ 2,572,792.00	\$ 2,537,248.00	\$ 2,613,023.00	\$ 588,454.00

Includes February 2019 Early Issuance that occurred in January 2019. \$191,074 was the January 2019 Issuance and the remaining amount (\$163,956) was the early issuance that occurred in January 2019 for February 2019.

FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME / FP LICENSING

CASE LOADs April 2019

CASE LOADS TOTALS = 70 (63 end of month)

42 Foster care – (Foster care is counted by child)

22- Children in foster homes/PATH 8-Group Care/PRTF 12-Relative Care

28 In-Home Cases, ICPC and Courtesy Case management

	Opened	Closed
2018		
November	3	7
December	6	7
2019		
January	6	4
February	2	7
March	6	4
April	12	7

2018											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
79	79	82	89	81	80	75	67	69	68	70	67

2019				
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
64	62	62	70	

	2018		2019			
KC	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Foster Care	11	11	Family Leave			11
In-Home	3	3				1
Total	14	14	0	0	0	12
JD	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Foster Care	9	9	13	12	11	12
In-home	4	2	3	4	4	4
Total	13	11	16	16	15	16
RS	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Foster Care	5	5	7	8	8	7
In-Home	5	6	7	6	6	6
Total	10	11	14	14	14	13/11
KS	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Foster Care	11	9	12	12	12	9
In-Home	2	2	2	2	1	3
Total	13	11	14	14	13	12
TM	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Foster Care	8	8	8	7	7	3
In-Home	7	5	4	5	5	8
Total	15	13	12	12	12	11
BK			Jan	Feb	Mar	April
In-Home			5	5	7	6
Total			5	5	7	6/5
NA	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
In Home						
Foster Care			1	1	1	
Total:	0	0	1	1	1	0

Children and Family Services Unit – Parent Aide Caseload

KH	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
	8	9	10	11	9	11

BH	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
	6	6	6	4	5	6

FOSTER HOME REPORT (Home/Kinship/Guardianship Studies)

General – 21

Specific – 6

Relicensing – 4

Inquiries – 7

In process of licensing – 3

CPS REPORTS BY MONTH AND YEAR

	2017	2018	2019
JANUARY	77	92	79
FEBRUARY	58	59	59
MARCH	73	89	84
APRIL	60	85	58
MAY	110	106	
JUNE	62	56	
JULY	63	55	
AUGUST	60	52	
SEPTEMBER	70	69	
OCTOBER	70	76	
NOVEMBER	88	60	
DECEMBER	76	67	
YEAR TOTAL	867	866	280

FULL & ATP CPS REPORTS BY MONTH/YEAR

	2017	2018	2019	2020
JANUARY	59	51	58	
FEBRUARY	48	43	46	
MARCH	55	61	57	
APRIL	45	53	42	
MAY	68	63		
JUNE	47	34		
JULY	37	35		
AUGUST	48	36		
SEPTEMBER	52	46		
OCTOBER	52	48		
NOVEMBER	64	40		
DECEMBER	54	49		
YEAR TOTAL	629	559	203	0

Morton County Child Protection Reports April 1 to April 30th

-Of the 58 total reports in April, 13 Administratively Assessed (AA), 3 Administrative Referrals (AR), and 4 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

* Total number of Alternative Response cases- 0 (all turned into regular assessments)

*Total number of Prenatal Exposure (drugs/alcohol)- 1

*Total number of 960 reports of abuse (includes physical, sexual)- 11

*Total number of 960 reports of neglect (includes educational, psychological)- 46

- 38 of the 58 reports became part of a full assessment.

Beginning Apr caseload-

Opened/closed- Apr 1- Apr 30th

Jenny Wetsch- 3-(ATP), 2(full)

Opened- 13-(AA), 3- (AR), 1- (ATP)

Closed- 3-(ATP), 13- (AA), 3-(AR), 1- (full)

End- 1- (full), 1-(ATP)

CPS Worker (KO)- 25

Opened- 8, Closed- 10, End-23 (*1 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (VZ)- 12

Opened 7, Closed- 7, End- 12 (*1 new reports received on open case)

CPS Worker (KD)- 23

Opened-3, Closed- 9, End- 19 (*7 new reports received on open case)

CPS Worker (BF)- 15

Opened- 8, Closed -9, End- 14 (*2 new reports received on open case)

SB 2124 Timelines

Date	Action that Must be Taken
December 1, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Commissioners must identify other counties to zone with and file a written agreement to create a Human Service Zone to the Department.• Zone Board must be established
January 1, 2020	All Human Service Zones must be initially approved or established. (Still can be modified by the Department)
April 1, 2020	Human Service Zone Director must be hired by this date.
June 1, 2020	County Commissioners must submit a plan to the Department for Approval
January 1, 2021	Department must make a decision on the submitted plans
Quarterly	County Commission must provide quarterly updates, as requested by the Department, after the agreement is approved until the plan is submitted as requested.

**MORTON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION TO FORM JOINT TRI-COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE**

WHEREAS, Morton County, North Dakota (the "**County**"), has determined it necessary to combine with Grant County, North Dakota and Sioux County, North Dakota for the formation of a Human Service Zone pursuant the forthcoming Statutory Changes to be made pursuant the provisions of the North Dakota Legislature's Emergency Bill SB2124; and

WHEREAS, The County must create an agreement and plan for the administration of Human Services within the designated area of Morton, Grant, and Sioux Counties, to be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the County, through its Board of County Commissioners (the "**Commission**"), determines that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into an agreement with Grant County, North Dakota and Sioux County, North Dakota for the purpose of setting forth the Plan for the Human Service zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the County as follows:

The Commission hereby acknowledge their commitment to create an agreement with the Governing Bodies of Grant County, North Dakota and Sioux County, North Dakota, to develop, establish, and administer a Human Service Zone comprised of the three counties, to the benefit of the individuals they serve.

Dated: _____, 2019.

MORTON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Attest:

Chairman

County Auditor

The governing body of the County acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Mandan, North Dakota, on _____, 2019, with the motion for adoption made by _____ and seconded by _____, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

"Aye" _____
"Nay" _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

Brittany Slack

From: Dennis Meier
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:55 PM
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Subject: FW: Region VII R&R Coalition Expenditure Approval
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The response from the regional office regarding Andy's question at yesterday's board meeting.

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Cc: Miller, Kevin H. <kehmillier@nd.gov>
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Dennis:

I'm answering since Kevin is out of the office this week.

Therapy with Jerry has been short-term, and specific for something caused by the foster parents providing foster care-not because they have other issues that need to be dealt with so that they can provide care. I understand the concern of your board member about people needing therapy providing services to vulnerable children. But that's not what we ask Jerry to help us with.

if we are willing to provide help to our staff by doing secondary trauma debriefings, by providing training & information regarding secondary trauma, and by making Employee Assistance Programs available-why wouldn't we be willing to provide support and help to people who have opened their homes and hearts to children?

The therapy provided by Jerry is for foster parents who are having difficulties due to something happening with a foster child or children. Skills and talents that foster parents bring to foster care include patience, ability to attach to children who are not theirs & who will not be staying with them forever, the ability to learn 'on the job' because each child is different, and sometimes while feeling like a very junior, not-heard member of a team that is trying to work towards something safe & permanent for a child.

Most of the referrals for Jerry's time have been for foster parents who have had long term placements that were terminated for some reason. A child may have been returned home, placed with a relative, placed with a different foster home, or placed for adoption. Sometimes the moves are sudden and abrupt. Sometimes children or youth go back into a precarious situation with a parent or relative. Or the foster child's needs are greater than the foster family can handle, and the child is moved to a facility or another foster home. Once a child is gone-it is very likely that the foster parents will worry about them without ever hearing how the child is doing.

Frequently the foster parents have children of their own who are missing the foster child or children who have left. Most of the foster parents have helped the children work towards going home or to another permanent place such as adoption-but that doesn't mean that it's not hard emotionally when a child who has been in the home for a long time leaves-even when the child leaves for something good. It can be hard on foster parents when a fragile (for example, young, medically fragile or mentally ill) child leaves even if the child has not been with them for a lengthy stay. It can also be hard for foster parents who are willing to become attached to a child who they know may never be able to attach to them.

Jerry's services have been invaluable in helping us retain good foster parents. Sometimes foster parents feel like they have been forgotten or ignored after a child leaves their home. They can feel like they are very much alone. It's hard because the foster parents can feel like the agencies disappear until the foster parents are needed again. That's not the intent of our agencies, but when someone has packed up and sent a child on to another place, or if the court decides that the child is to go home or with a relative immediately-it is hard.

This is a long answer to a fairly short question. You can tell that I have strong feelings about this. The good, strong foster parents who last are usually the ones with a good support system with other foster parents. But even with a good support system-sometimes people need a little extra to help them.

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Hello Kevin,

A member of the MCSS Board had a question about Jerry Chaussee's therapy services to foster parents. His question is, if foster parents are in need of therapy services themselves should they be providing foster care services to vulnerable children. I know my thoughts on why this is appropriate when providing foster parent services but I want your perspective.

Thank you,

Dennis

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