

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

**DATE:** January 25, 2016

**TIME:** 10:08 a.m.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ernie Fitterer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Meier, Patsi Seerup

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Andy Zachmeier to approve the January 25, 2016 Agenda and the December 29, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Rose Mary Lawson and Ron Leingang seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Ron Leingang to pay the January 2016 bills. Andy Zachmeier seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW OFFICE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The two new offices are officially done with the completion of the baseboards and carpet pieces today.

#### **NEW SOCIAL WORK POSITION**

The new CPS/CM Social Worker III is Tracy Mertz. She will begin employment February 1, 2016.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ADULT SERVICES REPORT**

1. Bonita distributed to the Board Members the Current Case Count for Adult Services, Foster Homes, Child Care Providers, and Children's Special Health Services through January 25, 2016.

#### **IMU REPORT**

1. Shannen distributed to the Board Members the summary of SNAP statistics for December 2015.
2. The Summary of Case Activity from December 20, 2015 through January 21, 2016 was distributed to the Board Members.
3. The Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report as of January 1, 2016 was distributed to the Board Members.
4. Shannen distributed the Child Care Assistance Grants Report for December 2015 to the Board Members.
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program statistics for December 2015 were distributed to the Board Members.

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

Natalie distributed to the Board Members the Foster Care/In-Home Case Management Report from April 1, 2015 to present; and Parent Aide Caseloads from May 1, 2015 to present; the Foster Care/In Home Unit Caseload totals from April 1, 2014 to present; and the Family Team Decision Making Report from July 1, 2014 to present.

### **CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Jenny distributed the Child Protection Report from January 1, 2016 to present and the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2015 to present to the Board Members.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Dennis distributed the Expenditure Guideline for November 2015 to the Board Members. The December 2015 Expenditure Guideline isn't available until the Auditor's office closes 2015. Discussion followed.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Dennis distributed Interim Political Subdivision Committee Regarding Social Security Financing Study, Analysis of County Social Service Levies and Fund Balances and the Proposed Formula for State Reimbursement of County Human Services costs to the Board Members. Discussion followed.
2. Dennis, Jenny Wetsch, Wendy Bent, and Andy Zachmeier along with NDSU Extension personnel, Jim Gray, SW District Director; Deb Gebeke, NDSU Administrator; and Jackie Buckley met regarding the PRC position. Discussion followed.
3. Dennis shared an email he received from Shari Doe, DHS CFS Director. Morton County Social Services will be involved in a CFSR Federal Review scheduled for September 12-16, 2016.

Andy Zachmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Leingang seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Del Wetsch  
Chairperson

Patsi Seerup  
Recorder