

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: November 25, 2014

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Bartholomew, Patsi Seerup

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Rose Mary Lawson to approve the October 2014 Board Meeting Minutes and November Agenda. Ernie Fitterer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REVIEW – SNAP

Mandy Brown and Sheri Snider, Eligibility Workers, explained the SNAP Program and processing procedures to the Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION

Evaluations for Mike have not been turned in by a couple Board Members and will be discussed when Del receives the rest of the evaluations.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mike distributed to the Board Members the Expenditure Guideline for the period January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

2015 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Ron Leingang to continue having the Board Meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Rose Mary seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Child & Family Services Unit Child Protection Caseloads for 6/1/14 to 11/1/14; Case Manager Caseloads from 7/1/14 to 11/1/14; and Parent Aide Caseloads for 7/1/14 to 11/1/14, were distributed to the Board Members. We have been contacted to host an intern Social Worker effective January 5, 2015 through May 2015. Discussion followed.
2. Morton County Social Services received a billing from South Central Judicial District ordering us to pay a Licensed Social Work Parenting Investigator. A motion was made by Andy Zachmeier for Mike to review the bill with States Attorney, Al Koppy, and if necessary to pay and appropriate money to be moved from the GA Burial account to the Client Aid account. Ron Leingang seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Mike reported the three panic buttons have been installed, one by the front reception desk and two in the hallways of eligibility workers. The panic buttons have not been programmed yet.
4. Morton County Social Services has hired a new eligibility worker I to replace Patricia Olson who is retiring at the end of November. Amanda Bahm will start the position December 4, 2014.
5. Marmon Construction has been contacted regarding the upstairs area to be remodeled in January 2015. No bid has been received yet. Discussion followed.
6. The Governor's Property Tax Reform Task Force Bill Draft including a very Preliminary Analysis of State Assumed Grant Costs was distributed to the Board Members. The proposal would reduce the Social Service mill levy from 20.50 mills to 16.93 mills.
7. Mike informed the Board Members about a child abuse & neglect case where we had custody; parental rights have been terminated and the child has been adopted by the foster parents. The father of the child was convicted of child abuse and given a 10 year sentence.
8. North Dakota SNAP was recently notified we had the 5th highest timeliness of application processing rate in the nation. ND will receive a \$263,246.00 performance bonus for FFY 2013. This is the 4th consecutive year for ND receiving this performance bonus. The funds may be used to purchase technology to administer SNAP. Additionally, per the Agricultural Act of 2014, ND is working on a grant proposal pilot project that addresses employment and training for SNAP participants.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

1. Bonita distributed to the Board Members the Current Case Count through November 25, 2014.

IMU REPORT

1. Shannen distributed to the Board Members the summary of SNAP statistics for October 2014.
2. The Summary of Case Activity from October 24, 2014 through November 20, 2014 was distributed to the Board Members.
3. The Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report as of November 1, 2014 was distributed to the Board Members.
4. Shannen distributed the Child Care Assistance Grants Report for October 2014 to the Board Members.
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – TANF program statistics for October 2014 were distributed to the Board Members.

NOVEMBER BILLS

Ernie Fitterer made a motion to pay the November bills. Ron Leingang seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Leingang made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rose Mary Lawson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Del Wetsch
Chairperson

Patsi Seerup
Recorder