

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: December 30, 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 Ernie Fitterer to approve the November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes and December Agenda. Rose Mary Lawson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHILD WELFARE UNIT – TRANSITION AND OFFICE SPACE

Discussion was held regarding the two new Child Welfare Unit supervisors and the student intern starting in January, the office space they will be occupying, and the transition of separating child welfare services from Burleigh County.

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REVIEW – CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Eligibility Workers Paulette Leingang, Mary Kay Greff and Wanda Guenthner, along with Supervisor Shannen Cullen came to the board meeting to request of the Board to reconsider hiring another eligibility worker. They presented to the Board Members the process it takes to work an ACA application and the extra work that is involved. Discussion followed. It was decided by the Board to monitor application and case numbers and staff overtime for two months and revisit at that time.

DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION

All but one evaluation has been submitted to Chairperson Del Wetsch. Del will compile the information from the Board member's evaluations into one and this will be discussed at the Board Meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

1. Bonita distributed to the Board Members the Current Case Count through December 30, 2014.

IMU REPORT

1. Shannen distributed to the Board Members the summary of SNAP statistics for November 2014.
2. The Summary of Case Activity from November 21, 2014 through December 23, 2014 was distributed to the Board Members.

IMU REPORT (cont.)

3. The Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report as of December 1, 2014 was distributed to the Board Members.
4. Shannen distributed the Child Care Assistance Grants Report for November 2014 to the Board Members.
5. Shannen distributed the LIHEAP Statistical Report for November 20, 2014 to the Board Members.
6. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – TANF program statistics for November 2014 were distributed to the Board Members.

BUDGET REVIEW

Mike distributed to the Board Members the Expenditure Guideline for the period January 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Mike distributed Foster Care/In-Home Case Managers caseload numbers from July 1, 2014 to December 1, 2014 to the Board Members.
2. Mike distributed Children and Family Services Unit – Parent Aide Caseload from July 1, 2014 to December 1, 2014 to the Board Members.
3. Mike distributed Child Protection Assessments/Caseloads from June 1, 2014 to December 1, 2014.
4. Mike distributed ND DHS Children and Family Services Division Foster Care Caseload Visit Report from October 2013 through September 2014 to the Board Members. State wide, social workers have completed the federal mandate of making monthly face-to-face visits on 95% of all cases.
5. Mike distributed a report of ACA/Medicaid Expansion Applications Received and Open Cases from January 2014 through November 2014 to the Board Members.

DECEMBER BILLS

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

Andy informed the Board Members of some upcoming proposals regarding City Hall renovations and parking between City Hall and the Courthouse. Discussion followed.

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, January 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Del Wetsch
Chairperson

Patsi Seerup
Recorder