

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

**DATE:** May 26, 2015

**TIME:** 10:04 a.m.

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

**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 April 28, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes and May 26, 2015 Agenda. Rose Mary Lawson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Rose Mary Lawson to pay the May 2015 bills. Ron Leingang seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Mike distributed the Expenditure Guideline for April 2015 to the Board Members. Discussion followed.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Mike shared with the Board Members the SNAP Quality Control findings for 7 cases received for the period October 2014 through December 2014. There were no errors cited in any of the cases.
2. Mike informed the Board Members of the WIFI connection difficulties in the conference room. Maintenance staff will be installing two computer lines in the room. The UND MSW student intern may be housed in the conference room due to existing office space limitations, and she will require internet access.
3. The Eligibility Worker position vacancy has been filled by Tina Laske. She will begin employment June 3, 2015.
4. The Child Welfare Social Workers have requested that one of the county fleet vehicles, preferably the minivan, be dedicated solely to Social Services to avoid the ongoing installation and removal of child car seats. Discussion followed. Andy and Ron will work with Dawn Rhone on this and report back at the next board meeting.
5. Mike reported a meeting was held with Keith Johnson of Custer Health regarding the Health Tracks Program. For the period January through April 2015, there has been a 66% participation rate. The purpose of the meeting was to strategize ways to increase participation.
6. Mike informed the Board Members that DHS reports the design of the new automated computer system for economic assistance programs began May 11. Implementation of the new system for ACA and CHIP is scheduled for November 2015, and 2 years following for integrating all remaining programs.
7. Discussion with held regarding SB 2206 legislation and how it will affect the 2016 budget.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

1. Bonita distributed to the Board Members the Current Case Count for Adult Services, Foster Homes, Child Care Providers, Children's Special Health Services, and Health Tracks through May 26, 2015.

**IMU REPORT**

1. Shannen distributed to the Board Members the summary of SNAP statistics for April 2015.
2. The Summary of Case Activity from April 25, 2015 through May 21, 2015 was distributed to the Board Members.
3. The Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report as of May 1, 2015 was distributed to the Board Members.
4. Shannen distributed the Child Care Assistance Grants Report for April 2015 to the Board Members.
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program statistics for April 2015 were distributed to the Board Members.

**CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Dennis distributed the Child Protection Report from May 1, 2014 to present and the Monthly Child Protection Assessments from June 1, 2014 to present.

**FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT**

Natalie distributed to the Board Members the Foster Care/In Home Case Managers and Parent Aide Caseloads from September 1, 2014 to present, the Foster Care/In Home Caseloads from April 1, 2014 to present, and the Family Team Decision Making Report from July 1, 2014 to present.

**MELANIE UDELL**

At 11:30 a.m., Allen Koppy, State's Attorney, and Justin Balzer, Assistant State's Attorney, joined the Board Meeting. Melanie Udell appeared before the Board to express her concerns.

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, June 30, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Del Wetsch  
Chairperson

Patsi Seerup  
Recorder