

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 28, 2016

TIME: 10:06 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Meier MCSS Director, Patsi Seerup MCSS Recorder

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Del Wetsch. A motion was made by Board member, Ernie Fitterer, to approve the June 28, 2016 Agenda and the May 31, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Board member, Ron Leingang, to pay the June 2016 bills. Board member, Rose Mary Lawson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPACES PHASE II UPDATE

Dennis Meier provided the Board Members a July statement from Deb Weigel, Eligibility Worker I, regarding how the SPACES Phase II project is going and the progress of the system. Deb is working two days a week at the ND Department of Human Services in an effort to assist with phase II of the SPACES Program.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON WEBSITE (GABRIELLE GOTER)

Gabrielle Goter, Assistant States Attorney, provided legal opinion on the appropriate sharing of MCSS Program information at Board meetings. This legal opinion is an effort to prevent the improper disclosure of confidential information in public meetings. Discussion ensued. Gabrielle advised the Board Members on how much detail should be provided regarding Foster Care, HCBS, Child Protection, and Economic Assistance report statistics and how frequent the statistical information should be reported to the Board. Case totals will be given monthly for all programs and more specific case breakdowns for Child Protection will be given to Board Members on a quarterly basis.

BOARD MEETINGS IN COMMISSIONERS ROOM

It was agreed that future Social Service Board Meetings will continue to meet in the main conference room of Social Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis distributed the Expenditure Guideline for May 2016 to the Board Members. Discussion followed.

ADULT SERVICES REPORT

1. Bonita Moch, Supervisor of HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure, distributed information regarding Current Case Count for Adult Services, Foster Homes and Child Care Providers for January through May, 2016.

IMU REPORT

Shannen Cullen, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for January through May 2016; the Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report for January 1 through June 1, 2016; the Child Care Assistance Grants Report for January 1 through May 31, 2016; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from January 1 through June 24, 2016; and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) report from January through May, 2016.

FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report, Social Worker Case Totals and Parent Aide Case Totals from January 2016 to present.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT

Jenny Wetsch, Child Protection Supervisor, distributed the Child Protection Report information from January 2016 to present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Discussion was held regarding 2 comments put in the suggestion box.
2. Dennis distributed CY2017 Budget Limit Calculations to the Board Members. Discussion followed.
3. Dennis informed the Board Members of a LIHEAP Federal Review for Morton County Social Services Case Files on July 13, 2016. The federal LIHEAP review team will be in ND July 11-15.

Board member, Ernie Fitterer, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Documents provided to the Morton County Social Services Board on this date will be made available to the public upon request.

Del Wetsch
Chairperson

Patsi Seerup
Recorder