

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**November 28, 2017
Social Services Conference Room
Morton County Courthouse
200 2ND AVENUE NW, MANDAN ND
10:00 AM**

Call to order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of November 2017 Bills

OLD BUSINESS:

- SB 2206 Talking Points (Handout)
- ND Association of Counties Social Service Board (NDACSSB) Dues
- Emergency Temp Position For Foster Care Licensing

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Review

Adult Services Report

Income Maintenance Report

Foster Care/In-Home Report

Child Protection Report

Director's Report

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:00 AM

Certain portions of the meeting may be closed due to Executive Session for confidentiality reasons per N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.2.

MORTON COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION REPORTS- July-September 2017

Of the 193 total reports, 44 Administratively Assessed (AA), 12 Administrative Referrals (AR), and 14 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP)

*44 AA completed, 38 allegations of neglect, 6 allegations of abuse

*12 AR completed, 5 allegations of neglect, 7 allegations of abuse

*14 ATP completed, 6 allegation of neglect, 3 allegations of abuse, 5 prenatal exposure

<u>Physical Abuse</u>	<u>Neglect</u>	<u>Educational Neglect</u>	<u>Sexual Abuse</u>	<u>Prenatal Exposure</u>
15	155	2	16	5

Morton County Child Protection Reports October 1 to October 31st

-Of the 70 total reports in October, 15 administratively Assessed (AA), 3 Administrative Referrals (AR), and 4 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

*Total number of 960 reports of abuse (includes physical, sexual)- 14

*Total number of 960 reports of neglect (includes educational, prenatal exposure)- 56

-48 of the 70 reports became part of a full assessment.

<u>Beginning October caseload-</u>	<u>Opened/closed-October 1- October 31th</u>
Jenny Wetsch- (3-ATP, 1-full)	Opened-15(AA), 3-(ATP), 3- (AR) Closed- 1(ATP), 15- (AA), 3- (AR) End- 5- (ATP), 1- (full)
CPS Worker (KO)- 19	Opened- 10, Closed- 12, End-17
CPS Worker (VZ)- 16	Opened 10, Closed- 4, End- 22
CPS Worker (RB)- 16	Opened-12, Closed- 8, End- 20
Part-time CPS Worker (TM)- 7	Opened 2, Closed- 1, End- 8

Monthly Child Protection Assessments (Full & ATP)

2016

January- 44
February- 47
March- 44
April- 36
May- 53
June- 38
July- 45
August- 38
September- 45
October- 48
November- 49
December- 35

2017

January- 59
February- 48
March- 55
April- 45
May- 68
June- 47
July-37
August-48
September- 52
October- 52

FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME

CASE LOADs October 2017

CASE LOADS TOTALS = 91 (83 end of month)

50 Foster care – (Foster care is counted by child)

25- Children in foster homes/PATH 9-Group Care/PRTF 16 -Relative Care

41 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Home Studies and Courtesy Case management

2017	Opened	Closed
June	7	8
July	9	4
August	7	7
September	7	7
October	14	8

2017

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
64	67	73	70	71	77	79	84	83	91

2017

KC	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Foster Care	4	5	7	8	6	7	12
In-Home		7	8	6	9	8	7
Total	11	12	15	14	15	15	19

JD	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Foster Care	11	11	11	10	10	10	11
In-home	1	2	3	4	5	5	4
Total	12	13	14	14	15	15	15

RS	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Foster Care	5	5	6	6	6	5	5
In-Home	7	8	9	7	9	9	9
Total	12	13	15	13	15	14	14

DN	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Foster Care	12	12	12	12	12	12	11
In-Home	1	1	1	2	3	3	6
Total	13	13	13	14	15	15	17

JW	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Foster Care	9	9	8	8	7	7	9
In-Home	5	4	6	6	7	8	7
Total	14	13	14	14	14	15	16

TM	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
In-Home	7	7	6	8	8	6	6
Foster Care							1
Total		7	6	8	8	6	7

NA	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
In Home	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Foster Care	1	0		1	1	2	1
Total:	0	0	0	2	2	3	3

Children and Family Services Unit – Parent Aide Caseload

DH	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
	10	12	10 (3)	10	13	9	11

BH	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
	4	5	6	5	4	4	5

**SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACTIVITY
10/1/17 THROUGH 10/31/17**

NEW APPLICATIONS

PREVIOUS PERIOD 9/1/17-9/30/17

TANF	(3 approved; 8 denied)	[11]
Medicaid	(20 approved; 7 denied)	[27]
SNAP	(54 approved; 24 denied)	[78]
Child Care	(10 approved; 5 denied)	[15]
GA Burial	(1 approved; 0 denied)	[1]
ACA/ Expansion	(52 Approved, 50 Denied)	[102]
Basic Care	(3 Approved, 0 Denied)	[3]
Foster Care	(2 Approved, 0 Denied)	[2]
LIHEAP	(*See Below)	

September Cases	2,850
New Cases	239
Closed Cases	104

TOTAL: [] Change from last period +6 applications Approved Cases: 145 **[239]**

CASE CLOSINGS

TANF	2	[2]
Medicaid	18	[18]
SNAP	32	[46]
Child Care	2	[2]
ACA/Expansion	78	[34]
Basic Care	0	[0]
Foster Care	2	[2]

TOTAL: [132] Change from last period of +17 cases closed **[104]**

REVIEWS OF ELIGIBILITY COMPLETED ON OPEN CASES

TANF	0	[0]
Medicaid	42	[66]
SNAP	45	[74]
Child Care	1	[3]
ACA/Expansion	76	[51]
Basic Care	1	[2]
Foster Care	0	[2]

TOTAL: [165] Change from last period -31 reviews completed **[198]**

***LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) (FFY 2019)**

Received:	239	[0]
Approved:	134	[0]
Denied/Withdrawn:	6	[0]
Pending:	99	[0]

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
Bismarck, North Dakota**

November 13, 2017

Following is a summary of SNAP statistics for OCTOBER 2017:

PARTICIPATION				PARTICIPATION			
County	Households*	Persons**	Issuance	County	Households*	Persons**	Issuance
ADAMS	51	93	\$9,466	MCKENZIE	183	491	\$58,673
BARNES	408	788	\$84,283	MCLEAN	201	429	\$47,256
BENSON	766	2,227	\$296,779	MERCER	149	273	\$32,319
BILLINGS	1	1	\$192	MORTON	844	1,771	\$210,645
GOLDEN VALLEY	55	112	\$10,823	MOUNTRAIL	134	359	\$40,152
BOTTINEAU	218	443	\$52,405	NELSON	88	188	\$20,594
BOWMAN	77	149	\$17,807	OLIVER	36	76	\$7,973
SLOPE	15	25	\$3,789	PEMBINA	167	356	\$37,888
BURKE	44	114	\$13,256	PIERCE	129	256	\$27,085
BURLEIGH	2,511	4,941	\$594,085	RAMSEY	573	1,157	\$128,915
CASS	5,830	12,595	\$1,456,261	RANSOM	164	326	\$34,698
CAVALIER	71	156	\$15,763	RENVILLE	55	125	\$12,383
DICKEY	131	272	\$26,100	RICHLAND	520	1,128	\$122,294
DIVIDE	43	88	\$10,952	ROLETTE	2,308	5,024	\$712,843
DUNN	93	246	\$29,979	SARGENT	83	184	\$18,323
EDDY	89	181	\$19,718	SHERIDAN	64	137	\$15,505
EMMONS	109	179	\$19,953	SIOUX	501	1,538	\$210,315
FOSTER	81	155	\$16,158	STARK	888	1,654	\$215,784
GRAND FORKS	2,323	4,790	\$585,331	STEELE	26	71	\$7,439
GRANT	93	203	\$23,861	STUTSMAN	805	1,368	\$167,831
GRIGGS	70	121	\$13,822	TOWNER	59	127	\$15,231
HETTINGER	65	152	\$17,687	TRAILL	212	408	\$48,418
KIDDER	60	119	\$13,357	WALSH	360	795	\$90,329
LAMOURE	58	122	\$13,107	WARD	2,197	4,466	\$520,628
LOGAN	48	98	\$12,495	WELLS	157	295	\$33,063
MCHENRY	214	404	\$44,666	WILLIAMS	753	1,490	\$188,284
MCINTOSH	73	137	\$14,539	TOTAL	25,253	53,403	\$6,441,502

* This column reflects the number of cases that participated during the reporting month.

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SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACTIVITY

September Cases	New Cases	Closed Cases
2,850	239	104

Program Activity 10/1/2017 THROUGH 10/31/2017

CASE CLOSINGS

Program	Period of 10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017		Previous Period 9/1/2017-09/30/2017
	Case Closings	Case Closings	
TANF	3	2	2
Medicaid	21	18	18
SNAP	38	46	46
Child Care	3	2	2
ACA/Expansion	81	34	34
Basic Care	0	0	0
Foster Care	0	2	2
Sub-Adoption	2	0	0
TOTAL	148	104	104

Change from Last Period +44 Cases Closed

NEW APPLICATIONS

Program	Period of 10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017			Previous Period 9/1/2017-09/30/2017
	Received	Approved	Denied	
TANF	11	4	7	11
Medicaid	26	18	8	27
SNAP	59	40	19	78
Child Care	9	3	6	15
ACA/Expansion	92	55	37	102
Basic Care	4	3	1	3
Foster Care	2	2	0	2
Sub-Adoption	0	0	0	0
GA Burial	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	203	125	78	239

Change from Last Period -36 Applications

REVIEWS OF ELIGIBILITY COMPLETED ON OPEN CASES

Program	Period of 10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017		Previous Period 9/1/2017-09/30/2017
	Reviews Completed	Reviews Completed	
TANF	0	0	0
Medicaid	54	66	66
SNAP	76	74	74
Child Care	1	3	3
ACA/Expansion	81	51	51
Basic Care	1	2	2
Foster Care	0	2	2
Sub-Adoption	0	0	0
TOTAL	213	198	198

Change from Last Period +15 Reviews Completed

*** LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Period of 10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017				Previous Period 9/1/2017-09/30/2017	
Received	Approved	Denied	Pending	Received	Received
239	134	6	99	0	0

FFY 2018

**UNDUPLICATED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD REPORT
(AS OF 1ST DAY OF MONTH)**

	11/1/16	12/1/16	1/1/17	2/1/17	3/1/17	4/1/17	5/1/17	6/1/17	7/1/17	8/1/17	9/1/17	10/1/17	11/1/17
TANF	3	6	5	8	8	8	7	2	3	7	6	8	7
TANF/SNAP	16	18	17	17	15	18	16	16	15	12	16	18	18
TANF/ME	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TANF/ME/QS	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
TANF/SNAP/ME	3	4	4	5	8	4	6	5	5	5	4	3	3
TANF/SNAP/QS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	1	1	1
ME	502	502	492	492	501	505	495	496	499	507	504	510	506
SNAP	511	495	495	515	496	493	493	486	477	475	496	517	502
QS	24	26	24	22	20	20	21	20	21	22	19	20	22
SNAP/ME	162	150	160	152	136	147	157	155	156	148	153	146	139
SNAP/QS	69	63	64	63	81	67	65	62	58	57	62	59	57
ME/QS	87	67	71	76	88	82	85	83	92	91	90	91	90
SNAP/ME/QS	80	94	98	102	102	104	104	102	92	103	109	108	113
ACA/EXPANSION	1186	1167	1174	1201	1224	1207	1203	1197	1237	1205	1200	1176	1166
LIHEAP	176	237	303	365	403	416	435	440	0	2	2	0	0
CHILD CARE	58	59	58	53	48	52	54	55	58	64	61	64	62
OTHER (FC & SA)	87	86	84	84	81	85	85	83	83	85	0	0	0
FOSTER CARE											41	41	36
SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION											42	37	35
BASIC CARE	40	38	39	40	40	40	41	41	42	43	43	40	44
TOTALS	3007	3024	3090	3197	3251	3257	3262	3244	2847	2835	2850	2840	2802

3041

CURRENT CASE COUNT

October 2017

ADULT SERVICES

138--Open HCBS cases of all types (increase of 7 in October)

Worker breakdown

BM –29 cases (13 BC, 7 MW, 3 MSP/PCS, 6 SPED)

LC—56 cases (15 BC, 10 MW, 4 MSP/PCS, 24 SPED, 1 Ex-SPED)

PW—49 cases (16 BC, 16 MW, 4 MSP/PCS, 11 SPED, 2 Ex- SPED)

FOSTER HOMES (BM)

No Adult Foster Homes

23—Foster Care for Children

18 for general placement

5 specific homes

4 –contacts and inquiries

3—in process of home study—1 general, 2 specific

CHILD CARE (LA)

60—licensed (increase of 1)

3—self-declared (same)

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES (PW)

12—Treatment Services (decrease of 1)

9—Diagnostic (same)

Expenditure Report with Detail Options

Morton County

Account Mask: 207???????

Fiscal Year: 2017-2017 From Date: 10/1/2017 To Date: 10/31/2017

Account Number / Description Exclude PR encumbrance Include pre encumbrance Print accounts with zero balance

SOCIAL WELFARE FUND Expended PTD Original Budget Amended Budget Expended YTD Encumbered YTD Unexpended Bal % Used

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

207.450.6101 / SALARIES

\$187,454.75 \$0.00 \$2,123,864.61 \$1,779,178.71 \$0.00 \$344,685.90 83.77%

207.450.6102 / DEFERRED COMP. BENEFIT

\$473.47 \$0.00 \$13,357.50 \$6,653.65 \$0.00 \$6,703.85 49.81%

207.450.6111 / ON CALL SALARIES

\$262.50 \$0.00 \$2,738.00 \$2,197.50 \$0.00 \$540.50 80.26%

207.450.6121 / PAID OVERTIME

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$10,000.00 \$1,296.59 \$0.00 \$8,703.41 12.97%

207.450.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE

\$27,042.06 \$0.00 \$330,280.00 \$248,737.41 \$0.00 \$81,542.59 75.31%

207.450.6221 / FICA MATCH

\$13,717.49 \$0.00 \$164,471.95 \$129,792.38 \$0.00 \$34,679.57 78.91%

207.450.6241 / WORKMENS COMPENSATION

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$7,500.00 \$5,425.85 \$0.00 \$2,074.15 72.34%

207.450.6251 / UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$2,040.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$2,040.00 0.00%

207.450.6300 / NDPEERS DEF. BENEFIT

\$24,550.77 \$0.00 \$288,358.13 \$243,200.81 \$0.00 \$45,157.32 84.34%

207.450.6321 / PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURAN

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,500.00 \$1,441.06 \$0.00 \$58.94 96.07%

207.450.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS

\$230.00 \$0.00 \$3,500.00 \$3,678.44 \$0.00 \$8,626.89 71.24%

207.450.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE

\$78.39 \$0.00 \$30,000.00 \$21,373.11 \$0.00 \$5,055.93 88.63%

207.450.6343 / REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

\$38.50 \$0.00 \$25,000.00 \$19,944.07 \$0.00 \$2,046.32 79.78%

207.450.6351 / UTILITIES

\$1,548.19 \$0.00 \$18,000.00 \$15,953.68 \$0.00 \$5,055.93 88.63%

207.450.6359 / POSTAGE

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$6,700.00 \$4,277.22 \$0.00 \$2,422.78 63.84%

207.450.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

\$260.40 \$0.00 \$4,000.00 \$2,313.44 \$0.00 \$1,686.56 57.84%

207.450.6361 / TELEPHONE

\$770.76 \$0.00 \$8,000.00 \$6,736.27 \$0.00 \$1,263.73 84.20%

207.450.6381 / COPIER EXPENSE

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$5,678.00 \$5,155.27 \$0.00 \$522.73 90.79%

207.450.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES

\$1,157.75 \$0.00 \$8,840.00 \$4,543.93 \$0.00 \$4,296.07 51.40%

207.450.6412 / SUPPLIES-COMPUTER

\$225.94 \$0.00 \$1,200.00 \$225.94 \$0.00 \$974.06 18.83%

207.450.6499 / CLIENT AID

\$22.94 \$0.00 \$7,250.00 \$3,335.96 \$0.00 \$3,914.04 46.01%

207.450.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT

\$213.00 \$0.00 \$15,400.00 \$10,947.93 \$0.00 \$4,452.07 71.09%

207.450.6904 / GA BURIALS

\$0.00 \$0.00 \$27,500.00 \$9,450.00 \$0.00 \$18,050.00 34.36%

207.450.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS

\$500.00 \$0.00 \$10,000.00 \$6,479.57 \$0.00 \$3,520.43 64.80%

207.450.6907 / SHELTER CARE

\$250.00 \$0.00 \$3,600.00 \$2,500.00 \$0.00 \$1,100.00 69.44%

Expenditure Report with Detail Options

Morton County

Account Mask: 207???????

Fiscal Year: 2017-2017

From Date: 10/1/2017

To Date: 10/31/2017

Account Number / Description

Exclude PR encumbrance Include pre encumbrance Print accounts with zero balance

Account Number / Description	Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
207,450.6912 / CWB PER DIEM	\$149.80	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,192.75	\$0.00	\$1,307.25	47.71%
207,450.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	(\$60.00)	0.00%
207,450.6932 / PRINTER EXPENSE	\$8.64	\$0.00	\$2,712.00	\$2,425.47	\$0.00	\$286.53	89.43%
Total For SOCIAL SERVICES	\$258,955.35	\$0.00	\$3,123,990.19	\$2,538,517.01	\$0.00	\$585,473.18	81.26%
Total For SOCIAL WELFARE	\$258,955.35	\$0.00	\$3,123,990.19	\$2,538,517.01	\$0.00	\$585,473.18	81.26%

Morton County

Expenditure Report with Detail Options

Account Mask: 207???????

Account Number / Description

Grand Total:

End of Report

Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
\$258,955.35	\$0.00	\$3,123,990.19	\$2,538,517.01	\$0.00	\$585,473.18	81.26%

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Dennis Meier

From: Natalie Anderson
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Dennis Meier
Subject: Foster Care and In Home October 2017 stats
Attachments: Foster Care and In Home October 2017.docx

Dennis - Becka will be going on maternity leave in January and is taking 12 weeks leave. Staff are asking if anyone will be filling in for her. I guess I have not had the conversation with you...staff will be picking up a lot and OT if they are left to cover all the visits she does. Dawn's schedule is also very busy.

Natalie

Dennis Meier

From: Jones, Chris D. <cdjones@nd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Osadchuk, Kim A.; Jacobson, Kim K.; Allery, Rhonda R.; Reiser, Steve J.; Steffl, Heather D.; Terry O. Traynor; Mark A. Johnson; Mortenson, Diane M.; Kalanek, Karla J.; Hasbargen, Kristen L.; Wegh, Doug J.; Nikolas-Maier, Nancy E.; Dennis Meier; Burkett, Emeline I.; Ammerman, Chip F.; Bless, Kelsey M.; McFarland, Shawna P.; Goeson, Monica A.; Baker, Marlys A.; Stave, Karin J.; Brenda Peterson; Gillette, Vincent N.; jeff.eslinger@ndaco.org; Lauf, Robbie; sara@theprojectcond.com; Jason Matthews (jason@jmstrategies.net); Alm, Jonathan E.; Anderson, Maggie D.; Bay, Tina M.; Brown, Bradley T.; Cartledge, Carol F.; Cramer, Daniel P.; Doe, Shari E.; Eide, Tom A.; Etherington, Rosalie R.; Fleming, James C.; Flynn, Melanie D.; Foerster, Susan A.; Gotvaslee, Laurie A.; Jones, Chris D.; Lawrence, LuWanna K.; Marshall, Amy B.; Sagness, Pamela T.; Scheet, Jennifer R.; Slavens, Randy L.; Solberg, Thomas K.; Stenseth, Jeff J.; Throlson, Robyn R.; Witham, Jennifer L.; Wuitschick, Marcie D.; Weber, Diana J.
Subject: Social Services Redesign (SB 2206)
Attachments: Social Services Project - October Retreat (FINAL).pptx

SUBJECT: Update to Managers – North Dakota’s Social Services Redesign Project

Thank you for directly participating in North Dakota’s Social Services Redesign Project, or for supporting the redesign effort in other ways.

I will be sending the short update (at the bottom of this email) to all DHS staff tomorrow early afternoon. Before I do, I am sharing these talking points, which you can use to respond to brief employees about the redesign effort and to respond to their questions. Additionally, I am sharing with you the presentation that was used at the kickoff meeting for additional information. I do not intend to send this presentation to all DHS staff. But feel free to use it to learn more about the project and use to assist you in communicating to your reports.

I also wanted to share with those county leaders, who are part of the kickoff, so you are aware of the communication within DHS. I would have liked to get this out sooner, but will get better as time goes on.

Talking Points – Social Services Redesign Project

- North Dakota’s social services redesign project is underway now to meet the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 2206, which was passed in the 2017 legislative session. The bill called for the establishment of a committee to study the operation of human services in North Dakota and to provide recommendations to lawmakers in the 2019 legislative session for improving services.
- This is very much a collaborative process where state DHS officials and county social service directors are working together to identify client-centered improvements in the delivery of state-supported human services. We are working to identify efficiencies and best practices that will allow for a better delivery system for all parties involved.
- National experts will be brought in to share proven methods and effective delivery models, and to discuss best practices and innovative solutions.
- The committee’s work is organized around four areas: economic assistance, adult services, children and family services (CFS) and administrative. Working groups, comprised of state and county officials, have been assigned to each of these four areas to bring forward recommendations.
- The committee plans to complete its work by September 2018.

What it is not:

- This is not a state takeover of social services. The counties and DHS are identifying areas for improvement and discussing new ideas and methods to deliver services.
- This is not a process for the sake of having a process or to check a box. Every professional is undertaking this work to make necessary improvements to the human services system in North Dakota. Governor Burgum has made this a major priority for his administration, and his staff is involved and supportive of the process.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Chris

----- MESSAGE I intend to send to DHS All Staff -----

SUBJECT: Update DHS Priorities and North Dakota’s Social Services Redesign Project

In my previous email, I mentioned the work ahead of us. The North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) will be focusing on several core priorities that are based on existing needs in North Dakota, responsibilities laid out in state and federal law, and goals set by Governor Burgum and his administration, which DHS, as an executive branch agency, is working to support.

DHS priorities include:

- working in partnership with other service delivery systems and public and private sector partners to effectively and efficiently meet the behavioral health needs of North Dakotans,
- redesigning the social services delivery system to be more effective, efficient, and client-centered;
- fostering a positive employee culture in state government agencies to support innovation, collaboration, and public services that achieve results efficiently; and
- moving forward with the study of Medicaid managed care and implementing a developmental disabilities payment system with providers that bases payments on the unique needs of each person and the staffing hours needed to support the person.

To support those priorities, the Governor’s Office and DHS sent out press releases to raise awareness about new developments in the state’s response to behavioral health needs. In addition, DHS and the North Dakota Association of Counties co-hosted a meeting on the Social Services Redesign Project that I’ve summarized below.

Social Service Redesign Project Kick-off Meeting Update:

- North Dakota’s social services redesign project officially kicked off on October 12.
- This is not a state takeover of county social services. The counties and DHS are working together to identify areas for improvement and are discussing new ideas and methods to improve services to clients.
- We are undertaking this work because Senate Bill (SB) 2206, which was passed in the 2017 legislative session, called for the establishment of a committee to study the operation of human services in North Dakota and to provide recommendations to lawmakers in the 2019 legislative session for improving services. In addition, Gov. Burgum has made this a major priority, and his staff is involved and supportive.
- Working groups, comprised of state and county officials, have been assigned to bring forward recommendations in four areas: administration, economic assistance, adult services, and children and family services (CFS). As part of this work, we will bring in national experts to share proven methods and effective delivery models, and to discuss best practices and innovative solutions.
- The committee’s goal is to complete this work by September 2018.

Please watch for periodic updates and feel free to contact me or your manager if you have questions. We will be discussing these in greater detail on November 7.

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Dennis Meier

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Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Dennis Meier
Subject: RE: NDACSSB

Dennis,

They discussed this at the annual meeting at the conference of social welfare and because attendance was so poor those there decided they could not make that decision so they are going to operate one more year. During this year the executive committee is going to send out a survey to get more member input.

Steven J. Reiser
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Have you heard anything about the ND Association of County Social Service Board dissolving?

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From: Arlene Olson <dnaolson@bektel.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 6:59 PM
To: County Social Service Directors
Cc: Rep. Patrick Hatlestad; Dennis Lindstrom; Lee Husfloen; Julie Lind Kosmatka; Russ Hoff
Subject: NDACSSB Members Survey

Dear County Director,

The North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Members organization has actively promoted sound policy and uniform procedures of human service policies, gathered and disseminated appropriate information to county social service boards. The organization has participated in all types of social welfare work in our state to allow maximum services. However, recently, our organization has experienced extremely low participation numbers, compelling the board to consider alternative actions.

Your county has been selected to receive this survey, so your participation is truly vital. This online survey will take 5 minutes to complete, please know your time is well spent as it helps us to determine the direction of this organization. Please complete the survey using the consensus of your entire board.

Click on this link to complete the survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2KrfNx7Qx3DyEL9hPu20lxPMsFoxP4Z4tDv6Tx1Bov-q0w/viewform?usp=sf_link

We truly appreciate your time, and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Arlene Olson, NDACSSB
Executive Secretary