

**Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board
Meeting Agenda
Three Rivers Human Service Zone 1st Floor Conference Room
Mandan Office
210 2nd Ave. NW Mandan
10:00 AM – February 16, 2023**

Meeting Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2023

Review and Approval of February 2023 Bills:

Budget Review

Zone Program Stats

Legislative Bill Review

Appointment of Vice Presiding Chair

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Other:

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 – 10 AM, Mandan

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Mandan Office

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10:00 AM – January 19, 2023

Meeting Call to Order:

- Dennis called meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Mandan: Dennis Meier, Jackie Buckley, Rosemary Lawson, Heidi Peltz

Carson: Marty Meyer (Phone), Charlie Steinkuehler (Phone)

Others present: Vince Gillette, Mandy Garrett, Natalie Anderson, Jenny Wetsch, Theresa Gruenberg

Absent: Ken Snider, John Pretty Bear

Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Heidi Peltz seconded by Jackie Buckley to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2022.

- Moved by Jackie Buckley seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler to approve the minutes from October 20, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of December 2022 bills:

- Jackie Buckley came early to review the bills.
- Discussion was held on the Dakota Family Services bill.
- A motion by Jackie Buckley to approve the December bills and seconded by Charlie Steinkuehler. The bills were approved with a unanimous roll call.

Name	Roll Call	Bills Approved
Jackie Buckley	P	Y
Rosemary Lawson	P	Y
Heidi Peltz	P	Y
Marty Meyer	P (Phone)	Y
Charlie Steinkuehler	P (Phone)	Y
Ken Snider	A	-
John Pretty Bear	A	-
Dennis Meier	P	Y

Budget Review

- Dennis will have the finalized bills for the 2022 fiscal year and will be taken before the Morton County Commission when they meet in January 2023.

Zone Program Stats

Mandy Garrett – Income Maintenance/Eligibility Supervisor

- See the attached statistical copies for the complete report on Income Maintenance cases and programs.

- Heidi brought up the backlog of Child Care Assistance Applications. Mandy and the board discussed how the state is working to alleviate the backlog. EW workers can work overtime. Vince offered to help with the backlog of LIHEAP & Child Care Assistance Applications. Dennis and Vince will discuss Vince's part in helping with the backlog.
- Mandy stated that the Call center will go live on February 9, 2023, and the rest will go live on February 13, 2023.
- Hannah Fisher accepted the position as an EW I. Her start date will be January 23, 2023.

Vince – Three Rivers Human Service Zone Tribal Liaison Report for November 2022

- Standing Rock Covid numbers as of January 5, 2023. There are 0 active cases on Sioux County, with 20 cases in Morton, 0 cases in Grant, and 66 cases in Burleigh. There are 593 new cases statewide.
- There are 80 Active IV-E foster children placed in ND. These are SD IV E foster cases and tribal 638 foster care placements. These numbers do not show up in ND statistics, because we are only concerned with the foster children where a ND agency is the legal custodian.
- The IV-E payments for foster children in November was \$94,206.95 for maintenance and \$4,128.32 for Subsidized Adoption Payments.
- Vince attends monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribe, and Zone Staff. Throughout the state who have Tribal foster children in the Sone Foster homes. Vince continues to facilitate visits for 80 children between zones SW and Zone foster homes and group facilities.
- Vince has been researching and handling Medicaid issues for the foster kids' Medicaid where the bills are not getting paid. He works on getting SD kids onto ND Medicaid and clearing up non-payment issues.
- Vince is part of the planning committee for the ICWA conference, which is being held in the Turtle Mountains this year and is being planned as an in-person conference, during the summer of 2023.
- Vince has been working with Dean Stern, DHS, on putting a meeting together with people who provide technical assistance to the tribes. TRHSZ has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Native American Training Institute to help train their IV=E Specialist. Vince was asked by Dean to attend the quarterly meetings with the ND tribes and all agencies that are providing technical assistance on the reservations.
- Vince is developing a Cultural Awareness for Native American foster children. We have about 125 Native American children in foster care in the Burleigh-Morton area and about 400 Native American children statewide.
- Vince stated that Medicaid has a new policy on how they pay medical bills.
- Vince will be assisting other zones on monthly visits of foster children placed in our area.

Jenny Wetsch – Child Protection

- See the attached Statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
- We received 71 reports in December with 24 Administratively Assessed, 7 Administrative Referrals, and 5 Assessment Terminated in Progress.
- Jenny expressed that the cases are more complex and have larger numbers of children per family, which makes the cases more time consuming. Workers are receiving 2+ cases per day.
- Jenny stated one of her workers will be out of the office for 6 weeks.

Natalie Anderson – Foster Care/In Home/ FP Licensing

- See the attached statistical information which was resented during the meeting.
- Currently we have 82 foster care cases, and we have custody of 62 children.
- The case workers have caseloads between 9-13 cases each.
- Kendra Casavant has resigned her position as a Foster Care Worker, her last day will be February 10, 2023.
- Natalie will be contacting the state to receive the approval to fill this position and have the position posted.

Legislative Bill Review

- Dennis stated the there are 800 bills entered into the ND state legislative session this year. There are 300 in some form, or another related to Social Services.
- Dennis reported to the board about the bills that have been presented so far:
 - House Bill 1036 – This bill will proposes setting the maximum benefit level of the TANF Program at 50% or more of the federal poverty level based on household size.
 - Senate Bill 2084 – This bill proposes Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) payments will be made directly to early childhood services providers by direct deposit or check.
 - Senate Bill 2087 – This bill proposes to remove the benefit cap for TANF, the amount to a household when a child is born to a family already receiving this benefit.
 - House Bill 1091 – This bill proposes relatives (kinship relatives) who care for the children be able to obtain Kinship at the same amount a family foster home receives.

- Senate Bill 2080 – This bill proposes the mutual sharing of information between the foster care and adoption programs.
- Senate Bill 2081 – This bill proposes NDHHS should no longer have licensing responsibility for Maternity Homes.
- House Bill 1046 – Cleanup bill. This bill is working with direct and indirect costs, billing practices, and payments to human service zones.
- House Bill 1046 - This bill proposes the process for zones who want to change the host county in the zone and how to move a county from one zone to another.
- Senate Bill 2128 – This bill would include the implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics.
- House Bill 1155 – Would prevent sanctuaries for unlawful citizens in the North Dakota from receiving service from the zones.

Zone Fiscal Year

- The state fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The zone fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st.
- The governor proposed a 6% salary increase for 2024 and 4% in 2025.

Other

- In 2022, TRHSZ, the eligibility unit had a turnover rate of 24% and child welfare 33% .
- There was one applicant, Lori Flaten, who applied for the vacant TRHSZ board position.
- A new tax bill proposes eliminating state taxes for individuals based on income. Approximately 60% of ND residents would no longer to pay state taxes.

Adjourn:

- Moved by Jackie Buckley, seconded by Heidi Peltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Gruenberg
OA III

Tribal Liaison Report

The Covid report as of Feb 9, 2023, is Sioux County has 5 active cases. Morton has 24, Grant has 4 and Burleigh has 88, according to the ND dept of Health website. There are 818 new cases, statewide, for the week of 02-10-23.

There are approx. 80 SRST foster children placed in ND foster homes that I help facilitate visits. These are SD IV E foster cases and tribal 638 foster care placements. These numbers do not show up in ND statistics, because we are only concerned with the foster children where a ND agency is the legal custodian. DHS has not sent out any current dollar amounts spent on SRST Tribal IV E children since Nov, 2022.

Standing Rock currently has 50 ND IV E cases.

I continue to attend monthly TEAMS meeting with the ND CFS, SD CFS, Tribal and Zone Staff throughout the state, who have tribal foster care placement in their foster homes. There are separate meetings for Licensure of foster homes, Tribal foster children placed in Zone Foster homes, A case management monthly training and a state IV E and Tribal IV E eligibility meeting. I help facilitate visits for 80 children between zones SW and Zone foster homes and group facilities. Answer questions for foster parents about various topics. I spend a lot of time with Medicaid issues with the foster kids Medicaid, bills not being paid, getting SD foster kids on ND Medicaid and talking with business offices of medical facilities clearing up non payment issues. I also sit on the planning committee for the ICWA conference, this involves TEAMS meeting setting up the conference, speakers etc. The conference is being held in the Turtle Mountains this year and is being planned as an in-person conference, summer, 2023.

I reported last month that Dean Sturn, DHS was putting a meeting together with people that provide technical assistances to the tribes. From this meeting, Three Rivers Human Service zone has agreed to provide technical assistance to the Native American

Training Institute to help train their IV E specialist. Dean Sturn has also asked that I attend quarterly meetings with the ND tribes, and all the agencies that are providing technical assistance on the reservations. I did on site technical assistance for Spirit Lake Social Services, Ft Totten ND, on Monday, Feb 6th and at Turtle Mountain, on Tuesday Feb 7th. We partially completed the paperwork for \$518,000 for TMSS and \$312,000 for SLTSS. We have the financial portion completed and they need the case load numbers and I'm also getting the IV E numbers for them so they can submit the reimbursement request. They have until June 30, 2023 to submit the reimbursement request.

Both TMSS and SLTSS requested on site training on IV E reimbursement. They are both looking at filing for IV E reimbursement.

Dennis and I had a TEAMS call with Dean Sturn about Cultural Awareness presentations for Foster Children. Dean says DHS is talking a with a couple of agencies who are interested in providing these classes and we need to wait to see what happens with those inquires.

Vincent Gillette

TRHSZ FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME

CASE LOADs January 2023

CASE LOADS TOTALS = 77 (74)

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

37- foster homes/PATH 2-QRTP/PRTF 16-Relative Care 2-18+

20 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Courtesy Case management & Home studies

							Opened		Closed			
2022												
September			5				4					
October			0				2					
November			6				8					
December			7				8					
2023												
January			3				3					
2021 – TRHSZ												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
87	92	90	92	89	96	103	104	104	105	100	109	
2022- TRHSZ												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
103	112	111	107	100	99	94	82	84	79	83	82	
2023-TRHSZ												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	

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	2022					2023
KC	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	7	7	7	7	6	7
In-Home	5	4	3	3	3	3
Total	12	11	10	10	9	9
LE	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	5	6	7	6	6	6
In-Home	3	4	5	5	4	2
Total	8	10	12	11	10	8
KP	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	11	11	11	10	10	5
In-Home	3	2	1	2	3	3
Total	14	13	12	12	13	8
TM	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	9	7	8	8	7	7
In-Home	3	3	2	2	1	2
Total	12	10	10	10	8	9
TS	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	0		NEW	1	2	2
In-Home				1	2	2
Total	0			2	4	4
NK	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	12	13	12	12	11	11
In-Home	2	2	2	2	1	1
Total	14	15	14	14	12	12
JD	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	4	5	5	5	8	8
In-Home	6	7	7	6	5	5
Total	10	12	12	11	13	13
EA	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Foster Care	10	13	13	13	12	12
In-Home	2				1	2
Total:	12	13	13	13	13	14

CPS REPORTS BY MONTH AND YEAR

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	2016	2017	2018	2019
JANUARY	58	77	92	
FEBRUARY	60	58	59	
MARCH	70	73	89	
APRIL	53	60	85	
MAY	77	110	106	
JUNE	42	62	56	
JULY	44	63		
AUGUST	46	60		
SEPTEMBER	53	70		
OCTOBER	42	70		
NOVEMBER	51	88		
DECEMBER	43	76		
YEAR TOTAL	639	867	487	0

TOTAL 960 REP (Full, ATP, AA, AR, Combine)

	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	74	67	90
FEBRUARY	93	83	
MARCH	107	88	
APRIL	81	81	
MAY	85	86	
JUNE	77	79	
JULY	55	59	
AUGUST	79	74	
SEPTEMBER	93	85	
OCTOBER	74	66	
NOVEMBER	87	71	
DECEMBER	77	71	
YEAR TOTAL	982	910	90

FULL AND ATP (includes combined 960's)

	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	50	31	53
FEBRUARY	64	41	
MARCH	69	55	
APRIL	56	52	
MAY	58	57	
JUNE	41	40	
JULY	33	36	
AUGUST	45	39	
SEPTEMBER	50	38	
OCTOBER	50	30	
NOVEMBER	45	43	
DECEMBER	40	40	
YEAR TOTAL	601	502	53

THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE

Child Protection Reports Jan 1 to Jan 31st

-Of the 90 total reports in January, 29 Administratively Assessed (AA)/ 8 Administrative Referrals (AR), and 10 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

Grant County- 0

Sioux County- 0 (non-reservation cases)

* Total number of Alternative Response cases- 0

* Total number of Child Sexual Behavior (CSB) cases- 0

*Total number of Prenatal Exposure (drugs/alcohol)- 2

*Total number of courtesy interview requests- 0 from another zone, 1 LE assist

* Conflict cases for another Zone- 0

Beginning Jan caseload-

Opened/Closed- Jan 1- Jan 31st-

CPS Supervisor (JW)- 2

Opened-5, Closed-1, End- 6 (*0 combine)

CPS Worker (KO)- 18

Opened-11, Closed- 6, End-23 (*4 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (AS)- 10

Opened-5, Closed-10, End-5 (*0 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (MH)-23

Opened-9, Closed-8, End-24 (*5 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (BM)- 11

Opened-11, Closed-6, End-16 (*3 new report received on open case)

Parent Aide Caseload

KH -	Jan(22)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	14	14	14	17	17	13	12	12	12	10	13	12	9

AG-	Jan(22)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	10	10	8	10	11	10	13	13	11	9	11	7	6

TRHSZ -Summary of Economic Assistance Cases by Groups as of 2/1/2023

<u>Eligibility Worker Groups</u>	<u>Open Cases</u>
<u>Group 1 (Medicaid only)</u>	
Jan-23	3570
Dec-22	3048
<u>Group 2 (SNAP & Medicaid)</u>	
Jan-23	1157
Dec-22	1153
<u>Group 3 (SNAP/MA/CCAP/LIHEAP)</u>	
Jan-23	757
Dec-22	682
<u>Group 4 (TANF+ all programs)</u>	
January	91
Dec-22	87

	<u>Jan-23</u>	<u>Dec-22</u>
Total Open Cases per County		
Sioux	1335	1226
Grant	287	260
Morton	3984	3515

	<u>Total GA Burials</u>
Jan-23	3
Dec-22	2

Benefit Issuance Report for the month of January 2023

	<u>Child Care Assistance</u>	<u>SNAP</u>	<u>TANF</u>	<u>LIHEAP</u>	<u>Medicaid</u>
<u>Grant</u>	\$7,480.00	\$28,363.00	\$366.00	\$51,152.71	Unavailable
<u>Morton</u>	\$113,755.00	\$371,790.00	\$6,995.00	\$75,072.65	Unavailable
<u>Sioux</u>	\$0.00	\$246,374.00	\$18,403.00	\$5,928.70	Unavailable

Mini Region (Three Rivers/Burleigh/Dakota Central) Report:

- SNAP applications caught up to 1/24/2023
- LIHEAP applications caught up to 1/24/2023
- Medicaid – to date
- TANF- to date
- Child Care Assistance- 1/24/2023