

MORTON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MINUTES

DATE: July 23, 2019

TIME: 10:36 am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Zachmeier, Ron Leingang and Edgar Oliveira

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Del Wetsch and Rose Mary Lawson

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, Brittany Slack, Office Assistant III, Missi Baranko and Kari Bachler from Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families of North Dakota

The meeting was called to order by Board Member, Andy Zachmeier. A motion was made by Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, to approve the July 23, 2019 Agenda with the removal of staff reports to be presented at the August 27, 2019 MCSS Board Meeting. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, moved to approve the June 25, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, moved to approve payment of all July 2019 bills. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUDGET REVIEW

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for June 2019 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total June 2019 Social Service Expenditures were \$249,808.39.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Healthy Families Funding and MOU Request

Missi Baranko and Kari Bachler from Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families North Dakota distributed a Healthy Families handout: Memorandum of Understanding and a Healthy Families Brochure. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, moved to recommend the Morton County commission to deny the \$15,000.00 funding request for Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families of North Dakota. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion: Office Assistant III, Brittany Slack, called a roll call vote. Voting aye: Board Member, Ron Leingang, Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, and Board Member Andy Zachmeier. Voting nay: None. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, recommended the MOU between Morton County Social Services and Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families should be added to the August 27, 2019 MCSS Board Meeting Agenda for a signature from MCSS Board Chair, Del Wetsch.

Senate Bill 2124 and Zone Development Update

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed Social Service Redesign Senate Bill 2124 Frequently Asked Questions Handout. Discussion followed.

MCSS 2020 Preliminary Budget Request

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Social Service 2020 Preliminary Budget Expenditure. Discussion followed.

It was consensus of the MCSS Board to refer the MCSS 2020 Preliminary Budget Request to the next MCSS Board Meeting on August 27, 2019.

County Burial Funding for 2020

Brenda Peterson, Eligibility Supervisor, presented on County Burial Funding for 2020. Discussion followed.

Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, moved to increase the maximum burial plots to \$700.00 and maximum burial expenses of opening and closing to \$750.00. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Emergency Temp Positions Request

Wendy Bent, HR Director, and Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, presented on the need for Emergency Temp Positions. Discussion Followed.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, moved to recommend to the Morton County Commission to extend critical care leave to a Social Service employee in need and to hire three emergency temp employees; 2 support staff and 1 eligibility worker to backfill required positions within the Social Service Department. Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for June 2019 is as follows: Current cases = 3423, opened cases = 168 and closed cases = 182.

Board Member, Edgar Oliveira, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

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

Del Wetsch
Chairperson

Brittany Slack
Office Assistant III