

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

**DATE:** June 27, 2017

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

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ernie Fitterer

**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, Rose Mary Lawson, to approve the June 27, 2017 Agenda and the May 23, 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Board Member, Ron Leingang, made a motion to pay the June 2017 bills. Board member, Andy Zachmeier, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **SAFETY PERMANENCY FUND APPROVALS**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed an email from Morton County Auditor, Dawn Rhone, stating no Board approval is necessary to pay Safety Permanency Funds that need to be paid before the Board Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **BUDGET REVIEW**

Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed the Expenditure Guideline for May 2017 to the Board Members. Discussion followed. Total May 2017 Social Service Expenditures were \$258,503.46

#### **ADULT SERVICES REPORT**

Bonita Moch, Supervisor of HCBS and Child Care Provider Licensure, distributed Current Case Count for Adult Services, Foster Homes, CSHS, and Child Care Providers for May 2017.

#### **IMU REPORT**

Shannen Cullen, Eligibility Supervisor, distributed the Summary of SNAP statistics for May, 2017; Summary of Economic Assistance Program Activity report from May 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017; the Unduplicated Economic Assistance Caseload Report for June 1, 2016 through June 1, 2017 and the May 2017 Caseload Total including opened and closed cases.

### **FOSTER CARE/IN-HOME REPORT**

Natalie Anderson, Foster Care Supervisor, distributed the Foster Care/In-Home Caseload Total Report from July 2016 through May 2017. Social Worker Case Management and Parent Aide Case Totals from October 2016 through May 2017 were also distributed.

### **CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT**

Jenny Wetsch, CPS Supervisor, distributed Monthly Child Protection Assessments from January 2016 to present, Morton County Child Protection Reports from May 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017 and May 2017 Caseload totals.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Dennis Meier, MCSS Director, distributed Morton County Social Service and Cass County Social Service General Assistance Burial policy to the Board Members. Also provided were the ND Century Code and ND Administrative Code regarding Abandoned Cemeteries. Discussion followed. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, requested the policies be reviewed and the subject added to the next Board Meeting Agenda to discuss any changes in Morton County policy.
2. The ND Department of Human Service 2017 SB 2206 CY 2018 Payment Calculation was distributed to the Board Members by Dennis Meier, MCSS Director. Discussion followed.
3. Shannen Cullen, Eligibility Supervisor, resignation letter was handed out. Her last day is July 31, 2017. Board Member, Andy Zachmeier, made a motion to accept the resignation. Board Member, Ron Leingang, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Total number of MCSS cases all programs combined for May 2017 is as follows: Current cases = 3546, opened cases = 229 and closed cases = 203.

Board member, Andy Zachmeier, 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 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 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