

## SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

December 4, 2019

The Grant County Department of Social Services Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Beinborn at 9:00 AM. Roll Call was taken with Dwight Nelson, Don Splinter, Greg Fry, Dale Hood and John Beinborn present. Also present was Fred Naatz, Director, Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, Joyce Roling, Grant County Personnel Director, Shane Drinkwater, IT Director, Michele Timlin and Kurt Timlin. The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Greg Fry made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Splinter seconded, the motion carried.

Minutes of November 13, 2019: Nelson made a motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes with one change: under Financial Reports, Nelson was listed as making and seconding the motion. (NOTE: the hand written notes were reviewed, and it indicated that Splinter made the motion, seconded by Nelson, the minutes will be changed to reflect this). Splinter seconded the motion, the motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Naatz reported that he will be the contact person with the Finance Department for any questions or issues that may come up. He will be working with the Personnel Director to look at work loads and possible changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

### ADMINISTRATION:

Building Update – Naatz reported that he met with Lori Reid (ADRC) and Jack Johnson (Sheriff Department) and they plan on touching base every few weeks to discussion any issues with the building. Some things that have come up are when someone is in the building after 4:30 and not involved with any one department, whose responsibility is it to address the situation? We also want to make sure the parking lots and sidewalks are salted and cleared after snow storms. Naatz also reported that we have been having problems with the front doors of the building, when the wind is strong, the doors are almost impossible to pull open and sometimes the wind keeps them open. The plan is to replace them with sliding doors. The door assistance paddle is also located in the wrong place, the door swings into the person activating the button. Bob Keeney shared the plan is to move it to the middle of the doors.

Director's Report – Naatz updated that the department did apply for a grant through Targeted Safety Services Funds, in the amount of \$110,000. The funds will be used to address safety concerns in a family that if not addressed, would result in the children being removed. We will need to develop some new services, but the grant would also be able to reimburse for some of the things staff are currently doing. Nelson asked if there was a match, there is one, a bit less than 10% but any time a current staff spends providing services to the family could be counted towards the match, and the plan is to work with Nancy

Scott to track the match monthly so we don't end up short at the end of the year. Naatz also reported that they are not going to apply for some funding that would allow us to contract with a Child Welfare agency to license foster and kinship care homes. The Foster Care Coordinators reported that at their foster care regional meeting, funds would only be awards to counties that have a wait list for this, and Grant County does not have a wait list.

CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (PER WIS Statute 19.85 (1)(c): Dale Hood made a motion to move towards a closed session, seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote showed Splinter, Nelson, Fry, Hood and Beinborn all approved to go into closed session. Naatz was excused, with Roling and Keeney staying for the closed session, which started at 9:07 AM. Naatz returned to closed session. Hood made a motion to return to Open Session at 10:48 AM, seconded by Fry, the Board returned to Open Session.

Adjournment: Dwight Nelson made a motion to adjourn until February 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Greg Fry seconded, motion carried.