

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

December 7, 2022

The Grant County Department of Social Services Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Splinter at 9:00 AM. Roll Call was taken with Don Splinter, John Beinborn, Robert Scallon, Diane Nelson, Brian Lucey (z) present. Also present Fred Naatz, Director, Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, LeaAnne Smith, Office & Financial Coordinator (z). Excused from the meeting Adam Day. Absent was Brandon Snyder. The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. John made a motion to approve the order of the agenda, second by Diane Nelson, motion carried.

Minutes of November 7, 2022 meeting: Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes; Brian Lucey seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Citizen Comments- None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Summary of Vouchers: The board reviewed the Vouchers Accounts.

Administrative Report 2022: The 2022 DSS Management report was reviewed

Training Costs: The Board reviewed the training costs.

John Beinborn made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADMINISTRATION – GENERAL:

LEAN project: organizational review process/assessment of human services structure – Fred stated there was another meeting. One option is potentially to create a joint Human Services Department between Grant and Iowa County. The strengths and weaknesses will be looked at.

Caseload Standards – Department of Children and Families requirements during training period: Fred stated he received a memo from the Department of Children and Family's as of January 1, 2023 the Department is changing on how they train social workers. The hope is to get the social workers trained in a shorter amount of time. The worker will go through as a cohort. For example, anyone who is hired in January will be in a cohort that starts in February and will be training together for six months.

2022 Income Maintenance: Fred did not bring the report, but will email it to the board. Fred explained that this is one of the most monitored programs that the state operates. The state monitors how long a

person has to wait before talking with a worker, how long the call takes and when does the worker get another call. Fred stated this report shows the Southern Consortium is one of the highest scored call center in Wisconsin, which means it operates really well.

Safety Update: Fred stated they are going to be installing the glass at the front desk this week.

Directors Report: - Fred stated the Health Department did hire a Hospice worker, won't need to fill in anymore. The Optimist donated \$500 to the Kinship Big Buddy program. Fred explained the QMRP new residential designation. One of the requirements with the designation is they increase their contact with families and are required to provide six month follow up after discharge. Fred will look at incorporating this in our Purchase of Service Contracts.

ADJOURNMENT- At 10:28 AM, Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn until January 4, 2023, which was seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.