

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

July 5, 2023

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 Diane Nelson, Adam Day, Don Splinter, John Beinborn, Bob Scallon present, and Brian Lucey (z). Also present Fred Naatz, Director, Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, LeaAnne Smith, Office & Financial Coordinator (z), Tonya White, County Clerk (z), CeCe Fishnick, Economic Support Supervisor, Krystle Lorenz, Social Work Supervisor, Clark Thelemann, Social Work Supervisor. Excused from meeting Gary Ranum. The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Fred requested to move the order of agenda, Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by John Beinborn motion carried.

Minutes of May 3, 2023 meeting: Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes; Bob Scallon seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Citizen Comments- None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Summary of Vouchers: The board reviewed the Vouchers Accounts.

Administrative Report: The DSS Management report was reviewed

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

Training Costs April: The Board reviewed the training costs.

Adam Day made a motion to accept the training costs, seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Foster Care Coordinator Recognition received: Fred read a note DSS received complimenting the Social Workers and Foster Care Coordinators.

ADMINISTRATION – GENERAL:

2022 Annual Report: Fred explained the County is not required doing the annual report anymore, but Social Services still is. Fred, CeCe, Clark and Krystle each explained their program of the annual report.

Elder Scam prevention: Fred explained the amount of referrals received for financial scams for the elderly. Fred is going to talk with the state to see if other counties are doing anything for prevention, if not DSS will come up with their own plan.

Start of DSS Budget for 2024: Fred went over the start of the 2024 budget process. Fred stated he would like to incorporate in the 2024 budget a new vehicle, due to one of the company vehicles getting older and having more major repairs done. Fred stated he would like to look at adding another Social Work Supervisor.

Reallocation of Mentor budget line to transportation specialist: Fred stated there is currently \$25,000 in the budget for the Mentor program. He would like to get the approval to move it to hire someone for transporting kids. Staff kept track of their time and in the month of May staff spent over 45 hours and almost 1,500 miles. It was suggested ADRC transporting, but due to needing car seats they are no longer able to.

John Beinborn made a motion to approve taking moving the money to the County Board, seconded by Bob Scallon. The motion was approved.

State data on social worker retention: Fred explained the retention for social workers for the different counties and Grant County.

Directors Report: - Fred invited the board to the July 20th All Staff meeting, Amber and Hilary will be doing the brain game, which is part of the Trauma Informed Care training. Fred and Holly, Unified, have been meeting regarding what information the two agencies can share without releases.

ADJOURNMENT- At 10:23 AM, Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn until August 2nd, 2023 at 9:00 AM, which was seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.