

## **SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, Gary Ranum present, and Brian Lucey (z). Also present Fred Naatz, Director, Krystle Lorenz, Social Work Supervisor, CeCe Fishnick, Economic Support Supervisor (z), Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, Garry Pluemer, Maintenance Supervisor. Excused from meeting LeaAnne Smith. The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Gary Ranum motion carried.

**Minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting:** Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes; Adam Day 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

Training Costs June: The Board reviewed the training costs.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **ADMINISTRATION – GENERAL:**

*State Budget update on funding related to DSS programs:* Fred stated WHEAP budget was close to last years. Kinship Care rates and Foster Parent rates will be going up. The Social Services budget will be finalized next month.

*Grant County Department of Social Service Budget Public Hearing Report:* Fred stated once a year the Social Services and Unified have a Public Hearing, this was held July 19<sup>th</sup>, there were no citizens who showed up.

*DSS Budget for 2024 – budget for additional social work supervisor and new vehicle:* Fred stated he would like to include in the budget a third Social Work Supervisor and explained the reason why. The Board decided to take no action at this time. Fred would also like to include a new van to replace the current Dodge Caravan. Social Workers use the van to transport kids. Adam Day made a motion to start the budget process for a new van, seconded by John Beinborn. The motion carried.

*Mandatory Employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy ending:* Fred explained during the pandemic nursing homes were required to have staff vaccinated. DSS APS workers were required to be vaccinated as well, since they would go into nursing homes. Fred requested to rescind the policy.

Adam Day made a motion to rescind the policy; Gary Ranum seconded the motion, the motion carried.

*White Noise system to address confidentiality concerns:* Fred explained the sound in the building travels and it is recommended a white noise system instead of echo panels. Fred stated there are funds from the ARPA grant to cover it. Bob Keeney and Garry Pluemer stated there maybe the capabilities IT Department could do something similar.

**Directors Report:** - Fred went over the elderly scams going on. He also discussed the project Rock County is involved in to address the different racial disparity.

**ADJOURMENT**- At 10:41 AM, Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn until September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 AM, which was seconded by John Beinborn. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.