

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

November 1, 2023

The Grant County Department of Social Services Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Diane Nelson at 9:00 AM. Roll Call was taken with Diane Nelson, Adam Day, Bob Scallon, Brian Lucey, Gary Ranum (z) present. Also present Fred Naatz, Director, LeaAnne Smith, Office and Financial Coordinator (z), Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, Garry Pluemer, Maintenance Supervisor (z), Tonya White, County Clerk (z), Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director (z), Amber McKelvey, Social Worker, Hannah Udelhoven, Social Worker, absent was Don Splinter. The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Fred requested to remove the Updated Certified Social Worker policy from the agenda; Adam Day made a motion to approve the change of the agenda, second by John Beinborn motion carried.

Minutes of September 6 and 13, 2023 meeting: Brian Lucey 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 Voucher Accounts.

Administrative Report: The DSS Management report was reviewed. It was asked if the Trauma Informed Care money could be carried over if it was not all spent. Amanda explained the process.

Training Costs September: 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:

Request to rehire Social Work position: Fred requested to refill a vacant Social Worker position. It was asked if an employee was penalized if they resigned and then came back. Fred stated this has not happened very often with the Department, but believes they would lose any sick or vacation time they had earned and would start over. Adam Day made a motion to refill the position, seconded by Brian Lucey. The motion was approved.

Request to rehire contracted Targeted Case Management position: Fred requested to refill a vacant Targeted Case Management position. There was discussion on this being a County position and that now would be a good time to do it. Adam Day made a motion to table the discussion until next board meeting; Bob Scallon seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Caseload restructuring plan – Fred explained there has been discussion on how the Department can be more efficient. Right now there is mixed caseloads with the Youth and Family and Juvenile Justice. There are a lot of different requirements for each program. It is being looked at workers either only having Youth and Family cases or only Juvenile Justice cases. Fred will keep the board updated on this.

Southern Consortium Yearly Report - Fred handed out copies of the report and went over with the Board.

Grant Application – Fred stated there is another opportunity for a Grant. Amber McKelvey explained the Grant's purpose is to support the Kinship providers. Adam made a motion to approve the application for the Grant going to the full County Board. John Beinborn seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Directors Report: - Fred stated the van was taken in to the shop and they recommended not driving it. There is a part they need and it is not available. Fred explained DSS is using the Sanitation and Zoning van right now. Fred will talk with Travis from the Sheriff's department on where to start with purchasing a new van and who to contact.

ADJOURNMENT- At 10:10 AM, Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn until December 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM, which was seconded by Adam Day. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.