

## SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

September 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, Adam Day, Brian Lucey (z), Brandon Snyder (z). Also present Fred Naatz, Director, Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman, Shane Drinkwater, Director of IT(z), LeaAnne Smith, Office & Financial Coordinator(z). The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Fred asked to remove The Fee Charging policy update until next meeting. John Beinborn made a motion to approve the order of the agenda, second by Adam Day, motion carried.

**Minutes of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting:** Bob Scallon made a motion to approve the minutes, Diane Nelson 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

2021 Management Report: The 2021 DSS Management report was reviewed.

Training Costs: The Board reviewed the training costs. Trainings are starting to go back to face to face, which will increase the lodging and travel costs.

Bob Scallon made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion was approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **ADMINISTRATION – GENERAL:**

*2023 Department of Social Services Budget Proposal.* – The 2023 DSS budget proposal was reviewed.

Bob Scallon made a motion to send the 2023 budget proposal to the County Board. John Beinborn seconded the motion, the motion carried.

*Safety Update:* Fred updated on the changes being made at the front desk. Garry was getting an estimate on temper glass to replace the current glass. A doorbell was installed on the door so when it opens it dings and the camera was moved so the front desk can see who coming in. Amy and LeaAnne also have access to the cameras on their computer stations.

**Directors Report:** - Fred explained a few years ago there was some extra funding for Mental Health services and Jeff from Unified was applying for a grant and going to try and fund a position for an In Home Team. Fred stated in talking with his social workers, a lot of parents are so addicted to meth they don't come to meetings or see their kids, they disappear or if they do come see their kids they are on meth. So, it was decided he would not be able to use the funding if they cannot get the parents to engage with their kids. Now, Jeff is looking at developing a multi systemic team. Research has been done and this is the number one and most effective. The challenge will be as to when funding goes away how do you sustain this. In the meantime in talking with Jeff, we talked about having a Peer Support Specialist who can relate to these parents and help capture these parents rather than disappearing. Jeff has hired two Peer Support Specialists. Fred stated we did get some extra Targeted Services Safety Funds to use to reunite kids back in the home, for example give gas cards for parents so they can see their kid who is in placement. Fred stated there was a second meeting regarding going to Human Services or Health and Human Services. The Social Worker position was refilled with an internal employee who was a Service Support Specialist. The Service Support Specialist position was filled with a former employee who was in this position before.

**ADJOURNMENT-** At 10:25 AM, Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn until October 5, 2022, which was seconded by Bob Scallon. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned