

Stark County Social Service Board

March, 21st, 2016

This meeting of Stark County Social Service board was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman, Russ Hoff.

Present: Diane Mortenson, Russ Hoff, Pete Kuntz, Ken Zander, Duane Wolf and Jay Elkin

Absent: Sherry Adams and Jim Hope

Motion made by Pete Kuntz and seconded by Jay Elkin to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as recorded.

Financial Statements: Discussion held. Motion made by Ken Zander and seconded by Duane Wolf to approve the Schedules and Financial Statements as presented. Roll call and motion carried.

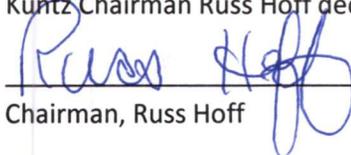
End of Month Statistics: All areas were highlighted for program numbers.

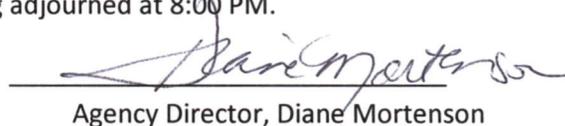
Agenda:

- 1.) **Presentation by Emily Dolinar – Child care licenser** – Emily defined her job duties. She shared with the board the types of homes and facilities she licenses, and the process involved with issuing licenses and working with facilities in maintaining their licensure status. Emily spoke about the issuance of correction orders and revocations. She updated board on new state guidelines/ laws regarding child care facilities. Board thanked Emily for sharing her input with them.
- 2.) **Unit Updates:** The new Eligibility system, S.P.A.C.E.S. is going better. Eligibility workers are becoming more optimistic regarding the system. The Foster Care unit has encountered some challenges but are working through them. All other units are doing good.
- 3.) **Personnel:** The agency had one resignation. Rachel Anderson, SW in the Foster Care department is relocating. Her last day with the agency will be April 1st, 2016. This vacant position was posted and closed last week. Interviews to be scheduled to fill position will take place at the end of this month. Alison Johnson, clerical staff had a baby boy, the family is doing fine. Lorris Wetzel, one of our DCA's is out on FMLA.
- 4.) **Reimbursement/State cuts:** Diane explained future cuts that will take place due to shortfall in state budget. In home care reimbursements for homemaker services have been cut by 51%. Effective date of this cut is July 1st, 2016 (estimated loss \$ 12,000.00 yr.) There will be no increases for program reimbursements this July. Effective 4/1/2016 Child Care Assistance program has changed where clients will see a decrease or loss of this benefit. Lastly, the increase of federal Medicaid funding for Eligibility Determination costs will be retained by DHS and not passed to counties.

Other Business: SCSS vehicle discussion. Board approved purchase of a new vehicle. Duane shared purchase price which included the trade in amount. Security upgrade to the building will be installed this Friday, March 25th. Board agreed that Economic Assistance unit could assist Cass County with ACA applications processing if able and willing to do so.

With no further business to come before the Board Duane Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Pete Kuntz Chairman Russ Hoff declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.


Chairman, Russ Hoff


Agency Director, Diane Mortenson