

Stark County Social Service Board

February 19, 2019

This meeting of Stark County Social Service Board was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Sherry Adams.

Present: Sherry Adams, Diane Mortenson, Dean Franchuk, Pete Kuntz, Carla Arthaud, and Ken Zander (via phone)

Absent: Jay Elkin, Jim Hope

Motion made by Pete Kuntz and seconded by Carla Arthaud to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

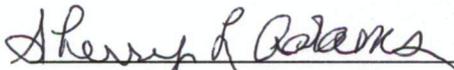
**Financial Statements:** Motion made by Pete Kuntz and seconded by Ken Zander to approve the Schedules and Financial Statements as presented. The checkbook was also discussed with an ending balance for January 2019 of \$2,180,334.15. (This includes carryover money from 2018) Roll call and motion carried. Discussion was held.

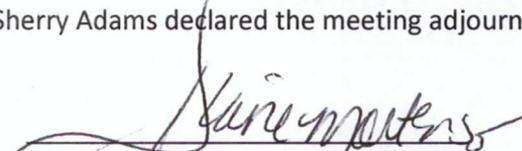
**End of Month Statistics:** All areas were highlighted for program numbers. Discussion followed.

**Agenda:**

- 1.) **Unit Updates:** There has been much activity in the foster care program during the past month. There has been one staff resignation and that is from Aly Ridl effective 3/15/19. She is an In-Home-Care-Specialist with the agency, and an evaluation process of how best to fill this position will be discussed. A letter received by the state office in regards to the wonderful eligibility staff at Stark County was read to the board. The Mock Pilot Project for the new eligibility system, SPACES, started in Stark County effective today. This will run for one month in the agency.
- 2.) **Building Update:** Ken reported that the designs are progressing, and these will be going to bid in the next 30 days. Everything is on track to date.
- 3.) **Zone discussion:** The county directors in Region 8 continue to meet on the possible formation of a Zone. The past meeting also included the auditor from Billings County. At the past meeting, there was a request that Stark County assist the other counties with child care licensing. The board is in favor of starting this process to get the details worked out, as far as current and future job duties. Director will reach out to the counties in the region to seek their intent in moving forward. An update on SB 2124 was also provided, as this bill with amendments has passed the Senate, and will now crossover to the House. Discussion followed.
- 4.) **Southwest Association of Counties Meeting:** A reminder of the upcoming meeting on 2/25/29 was provided. There will be 6 from Stark County attending.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dean Franchuk motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Carla Arthaud. Chairman Sherry Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

  
Chairman, Sherry Adams

  
Agency Director, Diane Mortenson