

Stark County Social Service Board

May 20, 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, Ken Zander.

Absent: Jay Elkin, Jim Hope, Carla Arthaud

Motion made by Ken Zander and seconded by Dean Franchuk to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Statements: Motion made by Pete Kuntz and seconded by Dean Franchuk to approve the Schedules and Financial Statements as presented. The checkbook was also discussed with an ending balance of \$1,355,614.78. (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. It was explained how this report will look different in the future with child care licensing, due to Stark County assuming these duties for the entire region. The duties of Children's Special Health Services and Health Tracks recording numbers will be eliminated due to these being taken over by other counties. Discussion followed.

Agenda:

1. Unit Updates: All units are being kept busy with numbers staying either consistent or higher in some programs during the month of April. The process of hiring a Direct Care Associate II to replace the open position was discussed.

2. Zone Update: Director reported on a meeting attended that discussed the legislative changes to the programs for elderly and disabled, and the future of the staff providing this service. (state employment in the zone) Discussed the June 11, 2019 meeting to be held in Bismarck for commissioners and social service directors. Emphasized to the board the growing anxiety, tension, and frustration amongst staff over the unknowns with the zone proposals, and the future changes coming as the redesign efforts continue. The board requested the director to inform the staff of their full support in this process.

3. Building Update: Discussion held about the type of glass to be considered at the front reception area to prevent injury to staff and others, as this will change the final cost. The board is in agreement to use bullet proof glass for the area around the reception and wall in the lobby. Discussed how the building meetings have been going. Everything is still on track for a final move in date to be the fall of 2020.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ken Zander motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Pete Kuntz. Chairman Sherry Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Chairman, Sherry Adams



Agency Director, Diane Mortenson