

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
Date: 02/20/2015  
Place: Chippewa County DHS**

**Call to Order**

Floyd Rabineau, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Floyd Rabineau, Tom Kelly, Chris Stabile, and Vicki Ulrich.

Excused absence: Jack Kibble.

**Board Re-Organization**

The Board Re-Organization was deferred to the next meeting when all members are present in person to participate.

**Approval of Agenda**

Tom Kelly moved, supported by Floyd Rabineau to approve the agenda as written. All voted ~~%A~~ye+. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Tom Kelly moved, supported by Floyd Rabineau to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 Board Meeting as written. All voted ~~%A~~ye+. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Contracts**

Director Stabile presented a contract for counseling services for 4/1/15 through 3/31/18 with two 1-year options to extend this contract to 3/31/20. The contractor and the amount of the services will vary. Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Floyd Rabineau to approve the contract. All voted ~~%A~~ye+. **Motion Carried.**

**County Budget Review**

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed.

Director Stabile presented a subscription renew to the Soo Evening News for 1 year, in the amount of \$235.00. Many times the newspaper provides workers with the timeliest information about births, deaths, arrests and other notifications that are very important and helpful. Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Floyd Rabineau to renew the 1 year subscription to the Soo Evening Newspaper. All voted ~~%A~~ye+. **Motion Carried.**

**County Hospitalization**

Director Stabile presented a request from Tessa Laaksonen for payment of \$123.00 to Bay Pharmacy for prescription re-fills for a state ward that is in Sault Tribe Detention. Medicare will

not pay for medical expenses while clients are in detention. Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Floyd Rabineau to pay the full amount of the bill. All voted ~~%~~ye+ **Motion Carried.**

### **County Director's Update**

Director Stabile gave an updated report on staffing. We were very fortunate in our tri-county, as the 3 lay-offs we had were rescinded, so we are going to be able to keep all of our employees at this time. Unfortunately, we did end up with one demotion, but at least this person still has a job. Many other counties were not that lucky.

Director Stabile advised the Board that the DCH/DHS merger is happening and we will be called the Department of Health & Human Services. However, at this point in time we do not know what that is going to look like. Director Stabile will keep the Board updated as more information becomes available.

The Director of the Department of Health & Human Services is going to be Nick Lyon. Mr. Lyon was the Director of the DCH and will now step in as the Director of the newly formed Department of Health & Human Services.

### **Board Comments**

Discussion was held regarding the Legislative Conference, which is scheduled to take place March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. It was pointed out that there will be a breakfast with the new Director at the conference this year also. Floyd and Tom will get with Vicki to get registered for this. Vicki will check with Jack Kibble to see if he is interested in attending.

Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Floyd Rabineau to pay \$150.00 for the MCSSA Dues. All voted ~~%~~ye+ **Motion Carried.**

### **Calendar Review**

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Floyd Rabineau, Chair

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ABSENT  
Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

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Tom Kelly, Member

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Christopher Stabile, Director