

CHIPPEWA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES
Board Minutes
MDHHS Conference Room
December 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Christy Curtis, Terri Bush, Tom Boger, Kelly Sweet for Director Rose, Leann Thompson

Approval of Agenda:

Tom Boger motioned to approve, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Terri Bush motioned to approve minutes from November, supported by Christy Curtis. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Contracts:

None

MDHHS Presentation:

Kelly Sweet, FC Supervisor introduced herself to the board, and gave an overview of her position. Questions and discussion were held on:

- CWLM – child welfare licensing module.
- Met goal for licensing this year.
- 30 licensed homes – limited bed space, teens hard to place.
- Relative placements, huge push to find relatives as placements.
- Payments are more flexible - Unlicensed relative can be paid up to \$150 and approved by director, and up to \$300 approved by BSC1 director.

County Budget:

November Budget reviewed.

It was noted that \$1000 was returned to the board balance, that was encumbered from a June 2023 request for hotel stay for parents with child in hospital. Money was not used.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the purchase of gift cards for volunteer recognition 7 @ \$25.00 = \$175.00, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the purchase of up to \$300 for educational & cultural items for NAOW use for community families, Terri Bush supported. Motion carried.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the request for \$100 Walmart gift card for Foster Parent Support Group, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the request for purchase of \$700 Little Caesar gift card for Foster Parent Support Group, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the request for purchase of 20 Walmart FOOD ONLY gift cards @ \$50.00 = \$1000.00, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the request for purchase of 20 Walmart No tobacco, no alcohol, no lottery tickets gift cards @ \$50.00 = \$1000.00, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the remaining balance of budget to go towards Walmart gift card for staff use for client needs, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Board Comments:

Christy Curtis asked for suggestions to resources to help with minors with substance abuse issues.

Suggestions were:

- FAN
- Chippewa County Health Dept. – for lock boxes
- Great Lakes Recovery Center

Director Update:

Discussion was held on the following:

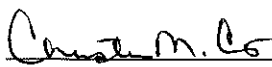
- November child welfare stats.
- November assistance payments and NAOW, APS stats.
- Assistance Payments PHE redeterminations standings as of 11/26:
 - June – August 100%, September 99.78%, October 94.76% November 33.53%, and December 10.1% completed.
- BSI issues with scanning documents.
- Holiday plans for the office staff.
- Operation Good Cheer
- Big Families

Next Meeting Scheduled:

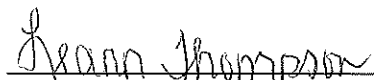
January 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motioned by Christy Curtis to adjourn, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Christy Curtis – Chairperson

1/4/24
Date


Prepared by: Leann Thompson