

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY MDHHS BOARD MINUTES

Date: 4-4-2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: MDHHS – Conference Room

## Board Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

Present: Christy Curtis, Terri Bush, Tom Boger, Director Rose, Justin Jarvi, 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 March, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

## Public Comment:

None

## Contracts:

None

## MDHHS Presentation:

None

## County Budget:

March budget reviewed.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the purchase of 35 Food Only Walmart gift cards @ \$50.00 each = \$1750.00, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the purchase of 30 Fuel Only Holiday gas cards @ \$50.00 each = \$1500.00, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Terri Bush motioned to approve the payment of \$96.00 to EUPTA for 16 bus passes for client's use, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

Director Rose invited the board to attend the Adoptive, Foster, Guardianship and Kinship Families Banquet April 26<sup>th</sup> and provided flyer and information on how to RSVP by 4/10.

**Board Comments:**

None

**Director Update:**

Discussion was held on the following:

- Child welfare, assistance payments stats not available.
- MYOI youth presented to services workers Tuesday 4/2; discussed their experiences of being removed and gave overview of how removal affected them, and suggestions on what changes should be made when removing children.
  - Ryan Edwards is the MYOI worker and does a great job.
  - Christy Curtis mentioned that Ryan's name has been brought up in the community with good feedback.
  - Terri Bush mentioned that she had received a letter from Ryan Edwards requesting an opportunity for MYOI to present and fundraise through her church. She will be responding to him in the next couple months.
- Placement for two recent youth, placement has been difficult to find.
- Director Hertel gave her permission to purchase ferry tickets with Pcards, also moving forward with issuing travel cards to services workers to help purchase bridge passes, ferry tickets, and flights.
- New performance metrics calculation for assistance payments that calculates the task and hours worked.
- Medicaid PHE – June – December 100% complete; January 98.7%, February 92.3%, March 36%, April 13%.
  - Not seeing as many Medicaid cases closing as once assumed; just as many cases to redetermine starting again in June, little or no overtime to be offered.
  - Christy Curtis stated surprisingly WIC applications have not increased.
  - Terri Bush inquired if Feeding America/United Way has seen an increase in food distribution.

**Next Meeting Scheduled:**

May 2, 2024, 10: 00 a.m. Tom Boger stated he is unsure if he will be able to make the May meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Tom Boger to adjourn, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Christy M. Co                      5/2/24  
Christy Curtis – Chairperson      Date

Leann Thompson  
Prepared by: Leann Thompson