

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING**

Date: 02/21/2014

Place: DHS – Board Room

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Floyd Rabineau, Tom Kelly, Jack Kibble, Chris Stabile, Terri Bush and Vicki Ulrich.

Approval of Agenda

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Tom Kelly to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes

Tom Kelly moved, supported by Jack Kibble to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2014 Board Meeting as written. Motion carried.

Contracts

None at this time.

County Budget Review

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed.

A request from Jennifer Dunton was received, requesting \$330.00 from County Board Funds, to pay for all of the volunteers in the tri-county to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that is being held here in Chippewa County. Mackinac and Luce County Boards have agreed to pay \$25.00 each for gas, for their respective volunteers to attend. Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Tom Kelly to pay up to \$330.00 out of County Funds for up to 30 volunteers in the tri-county to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Motion Carried.

Director Stabile presented a request from APS Worker, Tessa Laaksonen for County Hospitalization Funds in the amount of \$414.38 to pay for a client's outstanding medical bills so that she can continue to receive medical treatment while her application for Medicaid is

pending. Motion by Tom Kelly supported by Jack Kibble to pay \$414.38 from County Hospitalization for this client's outstanding medical bills. Motion Carried.

Director Stabile presented a request from Ashley Butkovich for County Hospitalization Funds in the amount of \$30.00 for a 1 month supply of medication for a mother who is suffering from a mental illness that requires medication to maintain her mental and emotional health. This woman is currently living in Chippewa County and is the sole caregiver for her minor son and has a Medicaid application pending. Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Jack Kibble to approve the expenditure of \$30.00 from County Hospitalization for a 1 month supply of medication for this client. Motion Carried.

Director Stabile presented an invoice for the annual renewal of the subscription to the Evening News. Director Stabile advised that workers keep updated on births, deaths and arrests via this newspaper so it is a good tool in assisting us to stay updated on a daily basis. Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Tom Kelly to approve the 1 year renewal of the Evening News newspaper, at a cost of \$235.00. Motion Carried.

Director Stabile presented a request to the Board from Jennifer Dunton, who submitted a request on January 29th, for a humidifier for our Chippewa County Volunteer, Loren Smith. Loren is having a difficult time breathing while in the building performing his volunteer services. The request is for funds from Chippewa County Hospitalization, at a cost not to exceed \$75.00. This request was previously approved over the phone by Chairman, Floyd Rabineau. The Board agreed that this was a good expenditure of County Hospitalization Funds.

County Hospitalization

None

County Director's Update

Director Stabile advised that due to his unexpected illness and hospitalization he did not have a lot to report.

Director Stabile shared with the Board a thank you card from Donelda Harper, our IOW Worker and a client. The client and Donelda wanted to thank the board for covering the expense of new glasses for the client, who is thrilled that she is able to see so well now.

Director Stabile advised that he had been to the BSC-1 meeting last week and the main topic of discussion was the ACA. Things have not gone smoothly with this program and although it is not the fault of DHS, it has been very rough on staff.

Director Stabile advised that on April 1st we will have MiSACWIS going live and at the same time we will have ACA opening up for single adults. On June 9th we will also be going to EDM in Chippewa County, so with all of this going on it is going to be a real trick to keep all of

the balls in the air and keep things running smoothly. As always, we will give it our very best effort.

Board Comments

None.

Public Comments

None.

Calendar Review

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be Friday, March 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

No further business, Jack Kibble moved, supported by Tom Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Floyd Rabineau, Chair

Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

Tom Kelly, Member

Christopher Stabile, Director