

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
Date: 08/21/2015
Place: Chippewa County DHS**

Call to Order

Floyd Rabineau, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Floyd Rabineau, Tom Kelly, Jack Kibble and Chris Stabile.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Jack Kibble, supported by Tom Kelly, to approve the minutes of the July, 2015 Board Meeting as written. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

None.

Contracts

Two requests for board reviews were discussed. First was a contract for the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Community Action HMC RSC Authority for a Family Re-Housing contract which provides housing case management and rental assistance services for \$403,222.26 over the next three years. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly to approve the county contract review, motion passed, and form signed by Chairman Floyd Rabineau.

The second contract was a renewal contract review for the Diane Pepler Resource Center for Domestic Violence related services in the amount of \$557,970.00 over the next three years. Jack Kibble moved, supported by Tom Kelly to approve the contract review renewal by the board, motion passed, and the form was signed by Chairman Rabineau.

County Budget Review

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed.

County Hospitalization

There were no additional requests for county Hospitalization funds, however, director did discuss with the board the previous board approval of \$3,100.00 to Marquette General Hospital for an extended stay for a young female ward and that with this

expenditure, there was approximately \$730.00 in county hospitalization remaining for the year.

County Director's Update

Director Stabile gave the board hand out information from the most recent Kids Count report involving Chippewa County, and the State of Michigan in terms of children's well-being. Overall, Chippewa County is doing well as it is ranked at 28th of 83 counties in child wellbeing. However, Director Stabile also pointed out that child Poverty rate in Chippewa County is slightly higher than the State average at 25.1%. Other various factors for children were also discussed.

Board member Tom Kelly discussed his recent attendance at the MCSSA Summer Conference. Tom indicated that the conference was very good, and discussed the presentations by both MDHHS director Nick Lyon, and Deputy Director Terry Beurer.

Director Stabile indicated that the hiring freeze remains in effect, and that all hiring, other than first line Child Welfare and Adult Services workers, and first line Child Welfare Supervisors has been put on hold. Director Stabile is hopeful this will be lifted for the new fiscal year, but he has not yet received the draft package for next year's staffing.

Director Stabile stated that he is waiting for the draft package for next year's allocations. At this point, most contracts have been extended for one year. Director Stabile also indicated that movement on the merger between agencies is developing, but no significant changes in operation have happened to this point.

Board Comments

Discussion was held regarding the relationship between MCSSA and MDHHS, which the new MDHHS Director Nick Lyon seems to be in favor of, and the fact that approximately 12 County DHHS directors did attend the MCSSA conference. Hopefully we will be back to having Directors participating in MCSSA meetings. Tom Kelly has some favorable comments about the new MCSSA leadership.

Calendar Review

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday September 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Tom Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Motion Carried.

Floyd Rabineau, Chair

Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

Tom Kelly, Member

Christopher Stabile, Director