

CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
Date: 08/19/2016
Place: Chippewa County DHHS

Call to Order

Tom Kelly, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Floyd Rabineau moved, supported by Tom Kelly, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

Public Comments

None.

Contracts

Three requests for board reviews were discussed. First was a contract for Homeless Youth and Runaway Services . contract number HYR-16-17001. The provider is Child and Family Services of the Upper Peninsula, Inc. The contract provides services to homeless and runaway youth and is paid for out of Central Office. Floyd Rabineau moved to approve, seconded by Tom Kelly. **Motion Carried.**

The second contract was for energy assistance to eligible households through Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action & Human Resources Authority, Inc, contract Number LCA-16-17006. The contract provides energy assistance through deliverable fuels to low income families. The funds are from our Central Office. Tom Kelly moved to approve the contract, seconded by Floyd Rabineau. **Motion Carried.**

The third contract was for legal assistance through the Chippewa County Prosecutor's office for Child Welfare cases for our local office. Contract number PROFC -17-17001. Funds are through our Central Office. The local prosecutor's office has represented our local DHHS office in child welfare cases for over thirty years, and the current prosecutor, Dennis McShane has continued this representation. This contract will provide for up to \$40,000 a year for the next five years to continue this legal representation. Moved by Floyd Rabineau, seconded by Tom Kelly to approve this contract. **Motion Carried.**

County Budget Review

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed. Director Stabile indicated that we are in good shape at this point.

County Hospitalization

There were one request for County Hospitalization in the amount of \$123.60, for a Medicaid client whose case closed for a short period of time, and before the case could be reopened, the client had incurred a charge from the hospital for \$123.60. The client has requested assistance with this bill to avoid any additional problems as the client did not have the funds to pay. No state funds are available. Floyd Rabineau moved, seconded by Tom Kelly to pay the outstanding bill of \$123.60. **Motion Carried.**

County Director's Update

Director Stabile informed the Board that the local office has received permission to fill two previously frozen positions, one clerical, and one cash assistance. In addition, we have three additional vacancies in the tri-counties as a result of staff taking promotions and leaving. Vacancies in any one of the three counties can, and often does effect the other counties, as internal staff will look for promotions internally and will transfer between counties. We are in the process of filling these positions, and subsequent vacancies caused by internal transfers. Director Stabile stated this is keeping the managers busy doing recruitment and interviews. Director Stabile will keep the board informed as these positions become filled. Overall, we will end up with two additional positions in the local office which should be a help to everyone.

There was some discussion about the recent visit to the Chippewa DHHS office by Terry Beurer, Deputy Director for DHHS Filed Operations.

Board Comments

Board Chairman Tom Kelly discussed that he had recently been informed that State Board appointees can attend the next MCSSA conference in Bay City with costs covered by the State. This may be just for this year, but will save local county Boards money, and allowing some Boards who have not been able to send anyone to this annual meeting in the past. Tom will be attending this meeting with the costs being assumed by the State.

Calendar Review

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday September 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the DHHS office.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Kelly, supported by Floyd Rabineau to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am.

Motion Carried.

Tom Kelly, Chair

Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

Floyd Rabineau, Member

Christopher Stabile, Director