

CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

Date: 11/21/14

Place: DHS – Board Room

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

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Tom Kelly to approve the agenda as written. All voted ~~%aye+~~
Motion carried.

Previous Minutes

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Tom Kelly to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2014 Board Meeting as written. All voted ~~%aye+~~. Motion carried.

Contracts

Director Stabile indicated that there were no contracts for review, at this time.

Public Comments

None

County Budget Review

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed.

MCSSA District I dues were discussed, as we had received the invoice in the amount of \$150.00 for FY 2015. After discussion, Jack Kibble moved to table approval of payment of the dues for future consideration, and that a letter be forwarded to MCSSA to notify them of this action and to alleviate continued work on the part of MCSSA in terms of reminders. The motion was seconded by Tom Kelly and passed unanimously by the board.

County Hospitalization

There were several requests for County Hospitalization funds.

The first request came from Suzanna Taylor, Services Worker requesting payment of a \$198.00 bill at Riverside Medical to cover a gentleman whose Medicaid was inactivated for one month. The payment of this bill will allow the gentleman to maintain his primary care physician. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly and passed unanimously by the Board.

The second request came from Foster Care Worker, Kelly Hetrick, requesting a \$50.00 repayment to Foster Parents who had taken their foster child to Marquette Pediatric Dentistry where laughing gas is used which is not covered under Medicaid. The cost was \$50.00, which the Foster Parents paid out of their pocket. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly and unanimously passed by the board to reimburse the foster parents the \$50.00.

The third request for County Hospitalization funds came from FIS worker Christie Trembley requesting funds for a client who travels to Petoskey for substance abuse services. The client was a cash assistance recipient, however, the client is now employed, and as a result, changed from LIF to Group 2 spend down Medicaid, and incurred expenses for a transporter who drives the client to substance abuse services in Petoskey as the client does not have a drivers license, due to her substance abuse problems. However, the client is doing well at work, and the services are important to continue this. It was moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly and unanimously passed by board to pay the \$151.00 medical transportation bill to support the client.

Director Stabile presented a request for County Hospitalization regarding a 15 year old autistic boy who cannot return home and is currently staying at Teaching Family Homes in Newberry. The young man has serious behavior problems that require a one on one aide 14 hours a day (while the boy is not sleeping). The cost is \$11.00 per hour, or \$154.00 per day. Director Stabile is requesting up to \$1,078.00 to cover up to seven days of care to give DHS an opportunity to find a placement for this young man. Hiawatha Behavioral Health has been working with this family, but is refusing to place this young man into a mental health placement. The parents are refusing to allow the young man to return home as they are concerned about the safety of their other children. It was moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly and unanimously passed by the board to authorize these funds, and additional funding if deemed necessary by the Director, to cover this emergency situation, and take care of this young man.

County Director's Update

Director Stabile advised the board that he ask the board to approved the expenditure of any Board money not used under County Hospitalization be approved for Christmas gifts for foster children. We traditionally try to get our direct foster care wards a \$50.00 gift certificate. As we have as many as 50 wards, the cost can be as much as \$2,500.00. Director Stabile indicated that he requests and is given \$1,000.00 by the County Commission every year. In addition, the local office is having a dress down week the week of Thanksgiving the he hopes will raise some additional money. With the unused County Hospitalization, the other funds and donations, Director Stabile indicated he believes he will have enough funds to cover the Christmas gifts for his foster children. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Tom Kelly and unanimously passed by the board.

Board Comments

None.

Calendar Review

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be Friday, December 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

No further business, Jack Kibble moved, 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