

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
Date: 01/16/2015
Place: Chippewa County DHS**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Floyd Rabineau, Jack Kibble, via telephone, Chris Stabile, and Vicki Ulrich.
Tom Kelly joined late.

Board Re-Organization

The Board Re-Organization was deferred to the next meeting when all members are present in person to participate.

Approval of Agenda

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Floyd Rabineau to approve the agenda as written. All voted %Aye+. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Previous Minutes

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Floyd Rabineau to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2014 Board Meeting as written. All voted %Aye+. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

None.

Contracts

None.

County Budget Review

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed. Director Stabile gave a brief overview of the 2014 Fiscal Year Budget, which was successfully closed out with a zero balance.

We have received our new 2015 budget and it is the same amount as last year. Director Stabile advised that the County will now be holding on to the funds for DHS and we will be submitting requests for %drawdowns+, and the County will write the checks, as we direct them to, rather than sending the funds to ASC1 and having them write the checks from there.

County Hospitalization

Director Stabile presented a request from Tessa Laaksonen for payment of a past due medical bill in the amount of \$37.06 to War Memorial Hospital for a client who is unable to pay and is in the process of transitioning from independent living, to Tendercare. Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Floyd Rabineau to pay the full amount of the bill. **Motion Carried.**

Director Stabile presented a request from Jennifer Dunton for payment of a dental bill for a client, who is also a daily volunteer for DHS. The client needs to have several teeth extracted and needs an upper denture. The client's cost for this procedure is \$800.00, which would take him a number of years to pay on his own. Any assistance with this bill would be greatly appreciated. Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Floyd Rabineau to pay the full amount of the dental bill, not to exceed \$800.00. **Motion Carried.**

County Director's Update

Director Stabile provided a letter to the Board for their review and consideration, from BSC1 Director, Doug York, requesting that the Board fill out the 2014 Annual County Director Review. This review is due back to Mr. York by February 13th. The Board opted to conduct the review right now, and Director Stabile excused himself from the Board Room for this process. Upon completion of the Review, Director Stabile was invited back into the Board Room.

Director Stabile advised the Board that yesterday was a very difficult day as he had to deliver bad news to 3 employees that they would be laid off effective the 15th of February. Additionally, several other employees in the tri-county will be affected by these lay-offs and will subsequently be bumped out of their jobs, to other positions. Director Stabile advised that immediately following today's meeting he will be traveling to both Mackinac and Luce Counties to share the news with staff there.

Board Comments

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming MCSSA meeting in Marquette on January 21st.

Calendar Review

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Floyd Rabineau, Chair

Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

Tom Kelly, Member

Christopher Stabile, Director