

**Menominee County
Department of Human Services Board
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Menominee, MI 49858**

BOARD MEMBERS

**MARY BRADLEY
MICHAEL KAUFMAN
PEGGY BASTIEN**

DIRECTOR

RUSSELL K. SEXTON

Date: January 31, 2012

The regular meeting of the Menominee County Department of Human Services Board was called to order by Michael Kaufman, Board Chair at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Menominee County Department of Human Services Board Room.

Present: Michael Kaufman, Board Chair; Mary Bradley, Board Member; Peggy Bastien, Board Member and Russell Sexton, Board Secretary.

Others Present: Bernie Lang, Menominee County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary Bradley and seconded by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

APPROVAL OF December 27, 2011 MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 27, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Bradley and seconded by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report for December 2011 was reviewed. There was \$100.00 in expenditures for DHS Board meeting attendance; leaving a balance of \$8,650.00.

There were no expenditures from the Child Care fund, leaving a balance of \$3,500.00.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Peggy Bastien and seconded by Mary Bradley. Motion passed without opposition.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staffing Information: Mr. Sexton reviewed the current staffing situation with the board.

MCSSA Information: Various MCSSA documents were distributed, including the Agenda for the April MCSSA District One meeting and the draft minutes of the January MCSSA District One meeting.

The next scheduled MCSSA District One meeting will be on April 11, 2012, in Marquette at the Ramada Inn.

There will be an MCSSA Legislative Conference on March 13th through March 15, 2012 in Lansing, MI at the Radisson Hotel.

Statewide Director's Meeting Information: Mr. Sexton went over his notes from the January 5, 2012 Statewide Director's phone conference.

Collaborative Issues: No new information.

Business Plan Update: Mr. Sexton related that a new business plan is being worked on and when that is finished he will go over it with the board. Mr. Sexton related that he continues to work off of the Strategic Plan, the Modified Settlement Agreement and the Federal Child and Family Services Review along with other various goals and priorities to monitor how his counties are performing. Mr. Sexton related that Menominee County is doing pretty well in the child welfare area and a little less well in the Assistance Payments area. Overall though, everything is looking pretty good.

Mr. Sexton specifically covered the goals the department has for foster home recruiting and discussed what is currently in place in Menominee County.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Bastien had a complaint from a citizen regarding the Estate Recovery law. Mr. Sexton explained that this was a law that was recently passed by the Legislature and that the Department of Community Health (DCH) is the entity that implemented the law. People with specific case related questions can contact DCH toll free at 1-877-791-0435 or at the following e-mail address: miestaterecovery@hms.com.

Mr. Sexton discussed the Pinecrest MCF with the board and the billing issues that were currently being worked on between Pinecrest and DHS. Mr. Sexton related that Pinecrest may be desirous of paying to have a DHS Eligibility Specialist stationed at its facility in an effort to increase communication and to prevent billing problems from occurring.

Board Member Input/Suggestions: The Board Members provided a variety of input, which was very much appreciated by the Mr. Sexton.

Motion to accept the Director's Report as submitted made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

UNIT REPORTS: No report this month.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

Legislative Conference Voting Delegate: Michael Kaufman made a motion to appoint Mary Bradley as the Menominee County DHS voting delegate for the MCSSA Legislative Conference. Motion was supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

Peggy Bastien made a motion to appoint Michael Kaufman as the Menominee County DHS alternate voting delegate for the MCSSA Legislative Conference. Motion was supported by Mary Bradley. Motion passed without opposition.

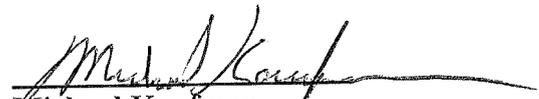
NEW BUSINESS: No new business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Lang, Menominee County Board of Commissioners discussed the new board of commission districts and the new 9 member board that will exist after the next elections.

NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Menominee County DHS Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.


Russell K. Sexton
Board Secretary


Michael Kaufman
Chairperson

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