

**Menominee County
Department of Human Services Board
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BOARD MEMBERS

**MARY BRADLEY
MICHAEL KAUFMAN
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DIRECTOR

RUSSELL K. SEXTON

Date: October 26, 2010

The regular meeting of the Menominee County Department of Human Services Board was called to order by Mike Kaufman, Board Chair, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the usual locale 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 September 28, 2010 MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Peggy Bastien and seconded by Mary Bradley. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report for September 2010 was reviewed. There were \$150.00 in expenditures for DHS Board attendance; leaving a balance of \$710.56. 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: There was a discussion regarding the ramifications of the Early Retirement bill passed by the Legislature. We will lose the Office Manager and the CPS Supervisor, as well as half the assistance payments staff in Menominee County. Delta

County is currently two AP staff short and the rest of the staff is still fairly new, so there will be issues with covering the Menominee County vacancies with Delta County staff.

There was continued discussion regarding the tri-county service delivery area, with further action occurring under New Business.

MCSSA Information: Various MCSSA documents were distributed. The next District One meeting will be in Marquette on October 27, 2010 at the Ramada Inn. There will be a special meeting at 11:00 Eastern for the counties of Gogebic, Ontonagon, Iron, Dickinson, Menominee and Delta to discuss the tri-county service delivery area concept.

Statewide Director's Meeting Information: There was no meeting this month. A meeting is being held on November 9, 2010 to go over the upcoming early retirements, the tri-county service delivery areas and the FY 2011 staffing package.

Collaborative Issues: No update.

Business Plan Update: No specific update at this time. Mr. Sexton did relate that both the services and assistance payments units are performing very well at this time despite the inadequate resources provided.

Miscellaneous: No new information

Board Member Input/Suggestions: The Board Members provided a variety of input, which was greatly appreciated by the director.

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

UNIT REPORTS: None

BOARD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS: There was one item of new business – the Tri-County Service Delivery Area.

Considerable discussion was held in regard to the pending legislation pertaining to the Tri-County DHS Administrative Districts. Passage of this legislation is very probable, as is the Governor's signature approving the legislation. After discussion, the Board decided, for a variety of reasons, that it would be better to enter into an agreement to form a tri-county district consisting of Delta, Menominee and Dickinson counties as soon as possible instead of waiting for the legislation to make it's way to the Governor. Thus, the following motion was made:

Following considerable discussion regarding the current initiative to officially combine the three county DHS offices of Delta, Dickinson and Menominee into one DHS service delivery area under one county director; and the fact that Mr. Roberge, Dickinson County Director, will be retiring from his current position at the end of November, 2010; it is moved by Peggy Bastien and supported by Mary Bradley that the board agrees to enter into a tri-county service delivery area consisting of these three counties. Further, the board agrees that Russell Sexton, Director of Delta and Menominee County DHS, should be officially appointed as the director of the Dickinson County DHS office effective upon Mr. Roberge's retirement. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board further requests that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners pass a resolution agreeing to the creation of a DHS tri-county service delivery area for the counties of Delta, Dickinson and Menominee.

It was decided that Mary Bradley would represent the DHS Board at the next Menominee County Board of Commissioner's meeting to request above action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT MEETING: November 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Menominee County DHS Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.



Russell K. Sexton
Board Secretary



Michael Kaufman
Chairperson

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