

**Menominee County
Department of Human Services Board
2612 10th Street
Menominee, MI 49858**

BOARD MEMBERS

JEFF NASER, CHAIR

MARY BRADLEY

GARY EICHHORN

DIRECTOR

RUSSELL K. SEXTON

Date: September 30, 2014

The regular meeting of the Menominee County Department of Human Services Board was called to order by Sue Asplund, Acting Board Secretary, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. The meeting was held at the Menominee County Department of Human Services Board Room.

Present: Jeff Naser, Board Member; Gary Eichhorn, Board Member; Sue Asplund, Acting Board Secretary.

Absent: Mary Bradley, Board Member (excused).

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Naser and supported by Mr. Eichhorn. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2014 MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Eichhorn and supported by Mr. Naser. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report for August 2014 was reviewed. There were \$197.44 in expenditures for the DHS Board; leaving a balance of \$5,067.92.

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

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Naser and supported by Mr. Eichhorn. Motion passed without opposition.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Asplund provided an update on the current staffing situation in Menominee County: There are 2 full time management staff including 1 children's services supervisor and 1 assistance payments supervisor. There is also 1 tri-county director and 1 general program supervisor who supervises some assistance payments staff in Delta County, Indian

outreach worker in Menominee county and adult services specialists in Delta, Dickinson and Menominee counties. There is also 1 tri-county community resource coordinator who operates the volunteer services program, fund raising activities, medical transportation volunteer drivers, contracting and various other functions. There are 3 administrative support staff consisting of 2 general office assistants and 1 departmental technician. There are 3 children's protective services specialists and 2 foster care and/or foster home licensing specialists. There are 6 assistance payments specialists, 1 Indian outreach worker and 1 adult services specialist. Total Menominee County staff on-board count is 21. Total payroll is 1.04 Million dollars.

Statewide Director's Meeting Information: There was no meeting this month.

Collaborative Issues: No new information was provided.

Business Plan Update: Ms. Asplund provided the board with an update on current performance data including:

- Operating Funds: Menominee County allocation for FY 2014 is: \$37,406.00. Year to date expenditures are: \$38,475.69, which equates to 102.9% of the allocation expended with 91% of the year elapsed.
- Travel Funds: Menominee County allocation for FY 2014 is: \$32,991.00. Year to date expenditures are: \$22,245.15, which equates to 82.6% of the allocation expended with 91% of the year elapsed.

Assistance Payments:

Assistance Payments Standard of Promptness: for Menominee County for June was 97 %. Business Services Center 1 average is 96% and State average is 96%. Family Independence Program Work Participation Rate: Menominee County for the month of July is 75%. Goal is 50%.

Child Welfare:

There is no current data due to the implementation of the MiSACWIS system. We have to work out the bugs and build the data base prior to us being able to obtain accurate child welfare data.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Asplund reviewed with the board customer information as follows:

Total cases, recipients and payments for FIP, FAP, SDA, CDC and SER benefits:

- Family Independence Program: 26 cases; 58 recipients; \$8249.00 in benefits.
- Food Assistance Program: 1,538 cases; 2,909 recipients; \$329,639.00 in benefits.
- State Disability Assistance: 12 cases; 12 recipients; \$2,292.00 in benefits.
- Child Development and Care: 22 cases; 35 recipients; \$6,243.00 in benefits.
- State Emergency Relief: 1 cases; \$600.00 in benefits.
- Unduplicated total: 1,553 cases; 2,931 recipients; \$347,023.00 in benefits.

A question was asked in regard to Native American access to these programs due to some Tribes having their own social service programs. Native Americans have the same access

to all DHS programs regardless of any programming that any Tribe may have available for their members, with the exception of the Food Assistance Program. Native Americans have a choice between Federal Food Assistance and Tribal Commodities programs – they are not eligible to receive both.

Total Eligible Medicaid Cases and Recipients:

- Family Medicaid: 546 cases; 1,194 recipients
- Other Children < Age 21: 98 cases; 108 recipients
- Pregnant Women & Children Under 19: 730 cases; 1,315 recipients
- Non-SSI Aged, Blind & Disabled: 685 cases; 716 recipients
- SSI Aged, Blind & Disabled: 518 cases; 518 recipients
- Medicaid Eligible Total: 2,377 cases; 3,836 recipients

Total Healthy Michigan Enrollments: 810

Ms. Asplund reiterated that anyone could find all DHS policy for all programs, as well as anything else one would want to know about DHS at the www.michigan.gov/dhs site.

Board Member Input/Suggestions: None

A motion was made to accept the director's report by Mr. Eichhorn and supported by Mr. Naser. Motion passed without opposition.

UNIT REPORT:

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Vouchers:**

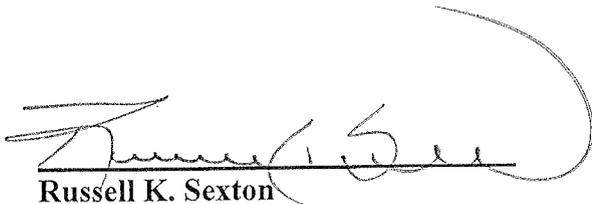
Vouchers were reviewed and a motion to approve all vouchers was made by Mr. Eichhorn and supported by Mr. Naser. Motion passed without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

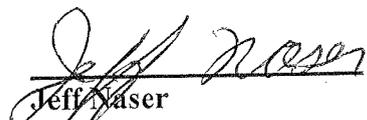
PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Menominee County DHS Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Eichhorn and supported by Mr. Naser. Meeting adjourned at 0920 a.m.



Russell K. Sexton
Board Secretary



Jeff Naser
Board Chairperson

Pc: DHS Board Members
Menominee County BOC