

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

BOARD MEMBERS

**MARY BRADLEY
MICHAEL KAUFMAN
PEGGY BASTIEN**

DIRECTOR

RUSSELL SEXTON

Date: March 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Menominee County Department of Human Services was called to order by Board Chair, Michael Kaufman, at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

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

Approval of meeting agenda – Bradley/Bastien

Approval of February 20, 2007 minutes – Bastien/Bradley

Financial Report

As of the end of February 2007, the Board Fund balance was \$6,783.87 and the Child Care Sub Account balance was \$3,500.00. Bastien/Bradley

The Board reviewed a projection of expenditures for the entire year, which would include all board members going to all DHS Board meetings, one board member going to two additional meetings per month, all MCSSA District One meetings, all MCSSA Conferences and the MCSSA Dues for the year. The projection placed the estimated board fund balance to be over budget at the end of the year if all of these activities took place. The Board will keep a close watch on expenditures each month to insure that the fund is not over drawn.

Director's Report – Russell Sexton

Staffing Information

Mr. Sexton reviewed the current situation with the board. Menominee County remains over allocated one ES worker. Delta County is down five positions. As a result, several Menominee County AP staff continue to volunteer to assist in Delta County. This is much appreciated and is very helpful. This continues to negatively impact travel budget; however, it will insure that Delta County is able to continue to get the job done. Also, Mr. Sexton continues to have to spend the majority of his time in the Delta County office to help cover the vacant Social Service Program Manager position.

MCSSA Information

A variety of MCSSA meeting minutes were presented to the board for their review. The next MCSSA District One meeting will be on April 25, 2007, at the Ramada Inn, Marquette.

Regional Directors and Statewide Directors Meetings

There was a Statewide Director's meeting held on February 27, 2007 in Lansing. Mr. Sexton reviewed his notes of the meeting with the board. The State of Michigan budget and the potential impacts on DHS were discussed. Also discussed were ways in which struggling families could increase their incomes through the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Home Heating Credit and the Homestead Property Tax Credit. The statewide Child Support program was discussed, as was the Child Welfare program. Mr. Sexton also discussed the steps being taken by the State in an effort to meet the federal work participation goals. Mr. Sexton further discussed the restrictions being put into place as a result of the State's budget problem.

Collaborative Issues/Information – Mary Bradley provided information on various activities of the Menominee County Community Collaborative in which she is heavily involved. Ms. Bradley also presented a short film depicting the work of the Menominee County Homelessness Coalition.

Business Plan Update – Mr. Sexton reviewed the first quarter progress with the board. The progress report will be available for Board member review as needed

Board Member Input/Suggestions

The board members provided Mr. Sexton with input on a variety of subjects.

Approval of the Director's Report – Bradley/Bastien.

Unit Reports – None.

Board Business

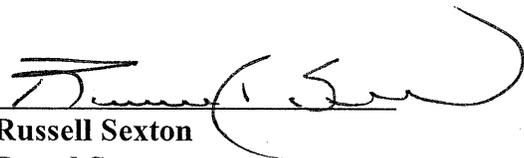
Approval of vouchers – Bradley/Bastien.

New Business – None.

Public Comment – None.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM – Bradley/Bastien.


Russell Sexton
Board Secretary


Michael Kaufman
Chairperson

Pc: DHS Board Members
DHS Zone Office
Menominee County BOC

Menominee County Board Allocation 9000

Expenses	Mary Bradley	Michael Kaufman	Peggy Bastien	MCSSA	Totals	Balance
October	150	50	50	267.9	517.9	8482.1
November	402.28	50	0	0	452.28	8029.82
December	150	0	50	0	200	7829.82
January	150	50	50	257	507	7322.82
February	0	50	50	438.95	538.95	6783.87
March	250	50	50	1242.46	1592.46	5191.41
April	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
May	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
June	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
July	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
August	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
September	0	0	0	0	0	5191.41
Totals	1102.28	250	250	2206.31	3808.59	

October - District meeting

Child Care Allocation	3500
Balance	0
	3500