Menominee County
Department of Human Services Board
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BOARD MEMBERS
MARY BRADLEY
MICHAEL KAUFMAN
PEGGY BASTIEN

DIRECTOR
RUSSELL K. SEXTON

Date: September 30, 2008

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

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

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 August 26, 2008 MINUTES:
Minutes of the August 26, 2008 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:
As of the end of August 2008; the Board Fund balance was $1,222.08 and the Child Care Fund Sub-Account balance was $279.30. 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: Menominee County has gone to an Alternative Work Schedule at the direction of DHS Central Office and the Governor's Office. Many employees will be working four ten hour days a week instead of five eight hour days. Other employees will be working a variety of other five day per week schedules within the core hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Eastern. Productivity will be measured through statistical analysis and goal attainment.

MCSSA Information: The next District One meeting will be on October 22, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, Marquette.

Northern Area Director's Meeting Information: Mr. Sexton reviewed his notes from the last meeting with the Board.

Statewide Director's Meeting: No meeting held since last board meeting.

Collaborative Issues: Mary Bradley provided an update related to the Medical Access Coalition in Delta and Menominee Counties.

Business Plan Update: Business plan and updates are available for review upon request.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Sexton provided the Board with the following information:

Voices for Action – Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity Themes from Poverty Forums report. Mr. Sexton also reminded board members about the Poverty Summit that will be held on November 13, 2008 at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Food Assistance Challenge forms were provided to all Board Members.

Bridges Talking Points – Mr. Sexton reviewed the new Bridges eligibility system with the Board and provided the time frames for the pilot and the go live date for Menominee County.

Food Assistance Program Error Reduction Initiative – Mr. Sexton provided the Board with current statistics for Menominee County (0.0% misissuance).

Statewide Voter Registration Fairs – A voter registration fair was held at the Menominee County office on September 11, 2008.

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.

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: The following contracts were presented for review:

PAFC-08-Various. Change in Placing Agency rates. Contractor – Various. New Administrative rate for all providers is $27.00 per child, per day.

FF-09-52001. Families First Services. Contractor – Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan. This is a three year contract for $450,382.00 per year for a three year total of $1,351,146.00.

CSPA-09-55002. Child Support Enforcement Services. Contractor – Menominee County Prosecuting Attorney. This is a one year contract for $54,054.00.

CSFOC-09-55001, Child Support Enforcement Services. Contractor – Menominee County Friend of the Court. This is a one year contract for $172,335.00.

Motion to accept review of all contracts was made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2008 at 9:00 AM in the Menominee County DHS Office Board Room. Reminder – Mary Bradley is sponsoring an employee appreciation breakfast prior to the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Mary Bradley and supported by Peggy Bastien. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Russell K. Sexton
Board Secretary

Michael Kaufman
Chairperson

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