

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
Date: 10/16/2015  
Place: Chippewa County DHS**

**Call to Order**

Floyd Rabineau, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Floyd Rabineau, Tom Kelly, Jack Kibble and Chris Stabile.

Following Roll Call, Chairman Floyd Rabineau turned the meeting over to Director Stabile. Director Stabile called for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Board, and Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Floyd Rabineau nominated Tom Kelly for Chairman of the Board. Jack Kibble seconded the nomination. No other nominations for Chairman, a unanimous ballot was cast for Tom Kelly as Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year.

Floyd Rabineau nominated Jack Kibble as Vice-Chairman of the Board, Tom Kelly seconded the nomination. No other nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board, a unanimous ballot was cast for Jack Kibble as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jack Kibble moved, supported by Floyd Rabineau, to approve the agenda as written.  
**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Jack Kibble, supported by Floyd Rabineau, to approve the minutes of the September, 2015 Board Meeting as written. **Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Contracts**

Two requests for board reviews were discussed. First was a contract for the Family Assistance Program to assist families in Chippewa County, contractor Andrea Killips, contract amount of \$25,000 a year for three years. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Floyd Rabineau to approve the county contract review, motion passed, and form signed by Chairman Tom Kelly.

The second contract was a contract for the Chippewa County Prosecutor for IVE payment reimbursement for Legal Representation in handling Child Welfare cases for

Chippewa County. Moved by Jack Kibble to approve the county contract review, seconded by Floyd Rabineau, motion passed and form signed by Chairman Tom Kelly.

### **County Budget Review**

The County Budget was reviewed and discussed. Director Stabile informed the Board that he would have a preliminary year end budget proposal at the next meeting with final year end budget to be taken care of at the December meeting.

### **County Hospitalization**

There were one request for County Hospitalization in the amount of \$360.86 to reimburse two foster parents for transportation costs of taking their infant foster child to Grand Rapids, Devos Children's Hospital for testing services. This was an overnight trip. The actual testing is covered by Medicaid, but the cost of the trip was not covered, and would pose a significant cost to the foster parents. Moved by Jack Kibble, seconded by Floyd Rabineau to reimburse the foster parents for the cost of the overnight trip to Grand Rapids on behalf of their foster child. Motion Carried.

### **County Director's Update**

Director Stabile informed the Board that the local office has received its local office allocation which gives the local office monies for Emergency Services, Services Contracts, and other needs. Jennifer Dunton is developing a contract allocation plan, and even though there were some reductions in some areas, overall, we will be able to continue to provide the same level of services as last year.

Director Stabile indicated that the hiring freeze remains in effect, and that all hiring, other than first line Child Welfare and Adult Services workers, and first line Child Welfare Supervisors has been put on hold. Director Stabile is hopeful this will be lifted for the new fiscal year, but he has not yet received the draft package for next year's staffing.

Director Stabile stated that he will be attending the State wide Director's meeting next week in Battle Creek, and is hoping to hear more about staffing at the time. We do have several vacancies that we are hoping to fill that do impact our ability to provide services.

### **Board Comments**

Discussion was held regarding attendance at the upcoming regional MCSSA meeting scheduled for Marquette on October 27.

Tom Kelly informed the board that he had received a letter of reappointment of his State appointment on the Board for three additional years, signed by Department Director Nick Lyon. Tom provided a copy of the reappointment letter to Director Stabile for the file.

**Calendar Review**

Chris's calendar was reviewed and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday November 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Jack Kibble, supported by Floyd Rabineau to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am as we watched the first snow fall of the season. **Motion Carried.**

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Tom Kelly, Chair

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Jack Kibble, Vice-Chair

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Floyd Rabineau, Member

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Christopher Stabile, Director