

CHIPPEWA COUNTY MDHHS BOARD MINUTES

Date: 7-11-2024 date changed from 7-4-2024 due to holiday, notice posted.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: MDHHS – Conference Room

Board Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Christy Curtis, Terri Bush, Tom Boger, Director Rose, Justin Jarvi, Holly Bishop
Tom Gendron (virtual)

Approval of Agenda:

Christy Curtis motioned to approve, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Christy Curtis motioned to approve minutes from June, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Contracts:

None

MDHHS Presentation:

Holly Bishop, NAOW – gave an overview of the services she provides to Native American families; helping children receive skills for education, housing help, programs that pay for portions of rent, help parents find employment.

Mending Broken Hearts is a trauma-based program that helps individuals go through the process of grieving. This program ran from October to February last year, there are plans to do it again this year.

Holly also works with children in foster care, along with many agencies who make referrals to her, work with elders, focus on families and help them become independent. NAOW position is flexible to make working with families more efficient. Supervision is through Lansing, Holly has MDHHS local office support with staff and does not feel isolated. Focus is to decrease the risk of Native American children. Referrals are received by a form or phone call to start the process. Schools can contact DHS or email Justin Teeple at TeepleJ1@michigan.gov or Holly Bishop bishop1@michigan.gov to begin the process.

County Budget:

June 2024

Terri Bush motioned to approve the purchase of 12 gift cards @ \$50 each from Walmart = \$600.00, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the purchase of 25 Bus Tickets @ \$6.00 each from Dial-A-Ride = \$150.00, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Director Rose explained that ES funds are being exhausted and there has been a greater need resulting in these requests. These are for clients who do not qualify for other fund sources. Clients are having difficulties with transportation to Dr. and counseling appointments, etc.

Christy Curtis inquired about the FY25 budget in which Director Rose stated he will provide more information next meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

MCSSA Registration Annual Training Conference – Great Wolf Lodge TC; Director Rose provided general information regarding the training conference.

Board Comments:

None

Director Update:

Discussion was held on the following:

- PHE Unwind ESA Memo; Medicaid has extended waivers until 2024 for passive renewals to help individuals keep their MA coverage. If coverage does close, DHS can go back 90 days and reinstate coverage.
- Overtime is no longer being allocated.
- Allocations & Unfunded positions:
 - FIS worker currently an LTA Supervisor for PHE will return to FIS in August. Position will be unfunded due to rescinding a promotion.
- Chippewa is no longer taking referrals to help Wayne County and has returned to CLM cases only. CPS cases are trending upward.
- New CW software program, replacing MISACWIS will be CCWIS. 2026 is expected launch of new CW data system which will include the Foster Care and CPS portion.
- The Child Advocacy Center had their grand opening 7/10/24, Director Rose was in attendance. The Advocacy Center is located on South Tower Pines Road. Director Rose had met with the Luce County Prosecutor and provided him with the information. This center covers Chippewa Luce and Mackinac counties. There is a SANE nurse on site. Director Rose will provide the website for more information on all their services. This center is meant to be a one stop shop so children who suffer abuse can be better helped. Multiple resources can be available at the same time to get firsthand of the child's account of the incident. Multiple disciplinary teams are available.

- o Director Rose later provided the web site address: Home | Mashkawizii CAC (eupcac.org)

Next Meeting Scheduled:

August 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Boger to adjourn, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:03 a.m. a.m.

Christy M. Curtis 8/1/24
Christy Curtis – Chairperson Date

Leann Thompson
Prepared by: Leann Thompson

