

**Kandiyohi County Board
Family Services Committee Minutes
November 1, 2011**

Section A

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am and adjourned at 9:35am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Shuck
Harland Madsen
Richard Larsen
Jim Butterfield
Dennis Peterson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Kieft – Director
Corinne Torkelson – Supervisor

Carmen Clementson – Supervisor
Tamraa Goldenstein – Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Rhude – ARC
Carolyn Lange – press

Bev Ahlquist – press
Karen Johnson – advocate

Motion made by Madsen and second by Shuck to approve the October 18th minutes for the Family Services Committee Board meeting...passed unanimously.

I. Agreements/Contracts

Tamraa Goldenstein brought forth two addenda for existing contracts. She explained that DHS has approved expanded “chore services” to include the mitigation of insect infestations. This is in response to the increased bedbug activity across the state. It has been particularly problematic for certain sites in Kandiyohi County and our customers surely lack the sort of resource necessary to adequately exterminate these pests. The addendum is being recommended to the contracts of Divine House, Inc. and Central Minnesota Senior Care. Motion by Peterson with second by Butterfield to approve...passed unanimously.

II. General Business Discussion

Carmen Clementson presented a summary of the State Mental Health Plan for this upcoming year. She is asking for the Board to approve the plan for submission. She highlighted that the plan is transitional (one year only) as DHS is undergoing some leadership and, potentially, directional changes in the administration of these grants. Kandiyohi County allocation has been reduced by approximately \$30,000 this year while statewide reductions stand at \$6.76 million.

There are two major areas of emphasis that DHS has placed on this year's plan: Supported Employment, and Local Advisory Council activity. The state is looking to improve integration into the work force for this population. They are striving for zero barriers to workforce inclusion with a focus on more robust job supports and individualized planning/attention. In October, a group of 11 consumers met regarding the empowerment of the Local Advisory Council. All declared interest in renewed efforts to actively influence the community environment towards meeting needs/addressing their issues. This group identified six major areas requiring attention: 1) transportation, 2) psychiatry, 3) dental access, 4) community awareness/stigma, 5) making work pay, and 6) appointment reminders.

Commissioner Madsen commented on the need to emphasize item #4 and frame it as community "understanding." There was also brief discussion highlighting item #5 as both liveable wage and alleviating the disincentives inherent to our eligibility programs.

Overall, Kandiyohi County grant monies will be \$307,910. Carmen provided some detail as to the variety of community-based supports these monies will provide as channeled through Woodland Centers.

Madsen moved, with a second by Butterfield, that the Mental Health Plan be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Director Items

Director Kieft brought forth, for approval, the annual membership to the Minnesota Social Services Association. He described the benefits to membership as legislative advocacy, training, and employment support. Generally, the agency has been very pleased with our association and looks forward to continued partnership. Commissioner Shuck motioned, with a second by Larson, that we renew our membership at an annual cost of \$1,045.

Director Kieft then provided a brief summary of the agency Strategic Plan. He described the review as a step for the Board to understand and ultimately provide feedback for the plan. At a recent management team retreat, emphasis was placed on the plan noting things accomplished...things to be continued...and new goals/steps to consider.

The basic 6 goals of the plan will remain the same: 1) community relations, 2) workplace climate and culture, 3) efficiency and quality, 4) customer service, 5) staff development, and 6) program development. There is general agreement from the Board that these areas of emphasis remain the same. It was good to note progress in specific areas and opportunity in others. Board members will be receiving a hard copy of the plan so that they can take some time to consider feedback and present at a future meeting

IV. POLICY

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. INCOME MAINTENANCE
- B. SOCIAL SERVICES

SECTION B

- I. INCOME MAINTENANCE – Discussion Cases
No Discussion Cases
- II. SOCIAL SERVICES – Discussion Cases
No Discussion Cases

SECTION C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing record is a true and accurate recording of the official actions and recommendations of the County Board and as such constitutes the official minutes thereof. Payment of assistance, relief, and claims as indicated in these minutes is hereby ordered. The questions were on the adoption of the resolution and the role being called, there were:

_____ YEAS and _____ NAYS

And so resolution was adopted.

Chairman, County Board Committee

Attest: _____