

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2019

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on January 8, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Spencer Buerkle, Steve Heinen, Ed Popp, Jake Bauerly and Warren Peschl present. Call to order by County Board Chair, Jake Bauerly, was at 9:20 AM.

Peschl nominated Buerkle for 2019 Chair of the Board. Second by Heinen. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Buerkle for Human Services Board Chair for 2019. Chair Buerkle called for nominations for 2019 Board Vice-Chair. Popp nominated Peschl for 2019 Vice-Chair of the Board. Second by Heinen. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Peschl for Human Services Board Vice-Chair for 2019.

Heinen/Peschl unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Peschl/Bauerly unanimous to set 2019 Human Services Board meeting dates and times as presented ("first and third" Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM with the exception of the first Board meeting in December--the listing reflects a change of time from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM to combine with the Truth in Taxation meeting.)

Popp/Heinen unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018 as written; 2) approve 2019 Purchase of Service Agreement and Lead County Contract with *Families in Transition Services, Inc.* for supervised visitation services, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 3) approve 2019 contract with *Tri-Cap* for volunteer driver services, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, stated that the MN Department of Human Services has awarded Benton County a 2019 Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Screening Grant in the amount of \$36,941; DHS requires an "Acceptance of Benton County Award" form to be signed by the Board Chair. Cornelius stated that grant dollars that are earned will be used to provide support services, such as in-home parenting skills services and respite services, to Benton County families. Bauerly/Peschl unanimous to accept the 2019 Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Screening Grant, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nicole Ruhoff, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, explained that Community Health Boards in Minnesota are required to have a medical consultant; Benton County Human Services/Public Health would like to discontinue their current contract with Dr. Kevin Stiles and pursue a contract with CentraCare Health. Ruhoff noted that this change in vendors would allow for contingency planning should the named physician be unreachable or unable to meet the needs of the Public Health unit. Popp/Bauerly unanimous to authorize the Chair to sign a letter terminating the current Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Kevin Stiles effective February 7, 2019; further, to approve a Professional Services Agreement for medical consultation services with the CentraCare Health System, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Chair Buerkle adjourned the meeting at 9:27 AM.

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Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair  
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

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Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator