

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on February 19, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Jake Bauerly, Spencer Buerkle, Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen and Ed Popp present. Call to order by Chair Buerkle was at 9:33 AM.

Peschl/Heinen unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Heinen/Bauerly unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019 as written.

Peggy Koscielniak, Fiscal Services Supervisor, explained that Benton County Human Services receives donations to cover client needs not otherwise eligible for State or County funds; these funds are used to improve the quality of life for agency clients. She stated that total funds received in 2018 equal \$12,500.00. Peschl/Popp unanimous to adopt Resolution 2019-#1, accepting donations totaling \$12,500.00 to be used for client needs not otherwise eligible for State or County funds, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Deb Rieland, Social Services Supervisor, explained that the Consumer Support Grant Program allows families the flexibility to develop their own plans for services based on their needs; families often need a huge amount of assistance with developing the initial plans/plan renewals or implementing changes in their plans. Rieland stated that the program is of value to constituents, but is not a mandated type of service; Benton County Human Services is requesting approval of a contractual agreement with *Independent Lifestyles, Inc.* to delegate the tasks of assisting these families in developing and writing these plans. She noted that Benton County Human Services would retain the oversight and approval of the budget and the delegated duties while working with this agency; currently, there are about 40 consumer support grant cases and these numbers continue to grow on an annual basis. Rieland pointed out that approval of this contract would allow Human Services staff time to be redirected to the mandated case management and MN Choice Assessment activities in her units. Popp/Bauerly unanimous to approve a contract with *Independent Lifestyles, Inc.* to provide Consumer Support Grant Program services on behalf of Benton County Human Services, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Chair Buerkle adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM.

Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator