

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

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on March 19, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen, Ed Popp, Jake Bauerly and Spencer Buerkle present. Call to order by Chair Buerkle was at 9:54 AM.

Peschl/Popp unanimous to approve the amended agenda—add item: CAMHI Coordinator contract.

Peschl/Popp unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019 as written; and 2) approve the CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) Coordinator contract, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, explained that the 2019 contract renewal with Lutheran Social Services for family preservation services is a renewal of the 2018 contract. He stated the need to increase the contract rate for this service for 2019; though Benton County does not utilize county pay for this service very often, it is an option that can prevent a much more costly out of home placement. Peschl/ Bauerly unanimous to approve the 2019 contract renewal with Lutheran Social Services for family preservation services, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nicole Ruhoff, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, reported on the following topics: 1) Family Home Visiting Expansion Grant has been awarded to the four-county collaborative (Benton, Stearns, Sherburne and Wright) to expand evidenced-based home visiting programs in the four-county area. The original request was for \$3.9 million and the collaborative was funded at \$3.3 million. The counties of Sherburne, Wright and Stearns will expand their services to help cover Benton County's areas. Due to this being a regional effort, the county attorneys feel that a joint powers agreement will be the best structure to support this expansion; 2) Tobacco licensing ordinance draft is pretty much complete. Staff will be requesting a Committee of the Whole in the next month to review draft language and discuss the possibility of adding Tobacco 21 (restricting sale of tobacco products to those 21 and over) to the licensing ordinance or a public health ordinance; and 3) The MN Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) has named our new medical director, Dr. Kim Tjaden, 2019 Family Physician of the Year.

Heinen/Peschl unanimous to adjourn at 10:02 AM.

Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator