

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2019

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on July 2, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Jake Bauerly, Spencer Buerkle, Steve Heinen and Ed Popp present and Board member Warren Peschl absent (excused). Call to order by Chair Buerkle was at 9:21 AM.

Bauerly/Heinen unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Popp/Heinen unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2019 as written; 2) approve 2019 Contract with *The Village Family Services* for a co-located therapist at Foley Schools on behalf of the Benton County Children's Mental Health Collaborative, and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) approve Agreement between *Princeton Schools* and Benton County Human Services to share costs of transporting children from foster care to school, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 4) approve Agreement between *Sauk Rapids-Rice Schools* to share costs of transporting children from foster care to school, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Sandi Shoberg, Human Services Supervisor, explained that *Journey Home*, a chemical dependency treatment center for women located in Sauk Rapids, currently has 43 beds for residential services and 40 lodging beds; the women in the 40 lodging beds are transported to another site in St. Cloud for treatment. Shoberg stated that CentraCare is requesting to transition these 40 lodging beds to residential treatment beds, which would allow these women to receive services on grounds at Journey Home; this would not be an increase in total beds, just a change in programming. She pointed out that, in order for the State to make this change, a letter from the county is required stating that this change is needed. Shoberg noted that 5% of participants in the lodging beds are Benton County residents; 32% of participants in the residential treatment beds are Benton County residents. Popp/Bauerly unanimous to approve the *Journey Home* Statement of Need letter, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Shoberg explained that the Benton County Children's Mental Health Collaborative is recommending approval of a new contract for the Catholic Charities Young Learners Program for an in-home service extension of their current Young Learners Program; source of funding would be Collaborative funds. She stated that the Young Learners Program is a day treatment program in St. Cloud for children under school age. Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, pointed out that this program requires parent participation as well. Bauerly/Heinen unanimous to approve a 2019 contract for *Catholic Charities* Young Learners Program, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Chair Buerkle adjourned the meeting at 9:28 AM.

Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator

