

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on November 3, 2020 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen, Jake Bauerly, Spencer Buerkle and Ed Popp present. Call to order by Chair Peschl was at 9:31 AM.

Heinen/Bauerly unanimous to approve the amended agenda—add item: “Letter of Need” for Momentum Center.

Buerkle/Popp unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020 as written; and 2) approve 2021 *Kindred Family Services* Agreement, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, reported that East Haven Halfway House recently closed; this facility was operating as a low intensity substance abuse treatment program serving males age 18 to 89. Stephanie Ferguson stated her desire to purchase the East Haven program and has permission to do so from the owners; she requested a “Letter of Need” from the Board for the opening of Momentum Center to submit to DHS with her application. Cornelius read a prepared “Letter of Need” for the Board’s consideration—“The Benton County Human Services Board has been requested to supply a “Letter of Need” for Momentum Center to open a 27-bed substance abuse treatment program at the former site of East Haven Halfway House at 1425 East St. Germain Street, St. Cloud MN 56304. Following a discussion with the board and staff from Human Services, we agree that there is a need for this facility in our county. Please let this letter serve as a letter in support of the need for such services in our county.” Buerkle/ Heinen unanimous to approve the “Letter of Need” as presented, as authorize the Chair to sign.

Chair Peschl adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Warren Peschl, Jr., Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator