

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on November 17, 2020 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Spencer Buerkle, Ed Popp, Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen and Jake Bauerly present. Call to order by Chair Peschl was at 9:32 AM.

Heinen/Bauerly unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Popp/Buerkle unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2020 as written; 2) approve contract with DHS to provide mental health screenings to eligible children/youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) approve contract renewal for *Independent Lifestyles, Inc.* to provide consumer support grant program services on behalf of Benton County Human Services, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 4) approve 2021 ACS support agreement, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, requested Board consideration of a contract with the MN Department of Human Services regarding the operation of Livescan systems for child care background checks. He explained that legislation requires that all licensed child care facilities complete a new background check involving a fingerprint scan; for each set of fingerprints scanned by Benton County, the MN Department of Human Services will reimburse the County \$3.25. Cornelius stated his estimate that approximately 500 people will need fingerprint scans in Benton County during the six-month time period. Buerkle/Heinen unanimous to approve a contract with the MN Department of Human Services regarding the operation of Livescan systems for child care background checks, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nicole Ruhoff, Community Health Administrator, provided an update on the status of COVID-19 for Benton County and statewide impacts; the update included case rates, quarantine rates, testing sites/testing options, hospitalizations, vaccine updates, community impact, and local public health infrastructure—CARES funding for staff time and supplies.

Chair Peschl adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

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

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator