

Ward County Human Service Zone Board

Minutes

December 21, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.

Second Floor-Ward County Commissioner's Chambers

PRESENT:

Karen Schultz, Interim Zone Director
Mac McLeod
Clayton Fegley
John Fjeldahl
John Pietsch
Shelly Wepler
Hiedi Folstad-Miller

ABSENT: Rich Berg

MOTION:

It was moved by John Pietsch, seconded by Mac McLeod and unanimously carried by the Board that the Agenda for December 21st, 2021 be approved.

MOTION:

It was moved by Mac McLeod, seconded by Clayton Fegley and unanimously carried by the Board that the minutes for the regular board meeting of November 16th, 2021 be approved.

MOTION:

It was moved by Shelly Wepler, seconded by Mac McLeod and unanimously carried by the Board to receive and file the November 2021 Expenditures and bills for December 7th and December 21st, 2021.

MOTION:

It was moved by John Pietsch, seconded by Mac McLeod and unanimously carried by the Board to receive and file the Budget Recap Expense Report for November 2021.

MOTION:

It was moved by Mac McLeod, seconded by Hiedi Folstad-Miller and unanimously carried by the Board to receive and file the November 2021 Budget Revenue Report.

MOTION:

It was moved by John Pietsch, seconded by John Fjeldahl and unanimously carried by the Board to receive and file the November 2021 Foster Care Recruitment and Retention report .

Old Business:

Interim Dir. Schultz informed the Board there are two applicants for the board vacancy. Ward County Commission will determine the replacement during the December 21, 2021, Commissioners Meeting. Karen thanked the outgoing board member John Fjeldahl as his term ends December 31, 2021.

New Business:

Board member Shelly Wepler discussed Youthworks shelter care rate concerns as Ward County provides the facility. Youthworks is currently changing some of their service delivery in the state.

MOTION:

It was moved by Mac McLeod, seconded by John Pietsch and unanimously carried by the Board that Youthworks/Shelter Care decisions be tabled at this time and continued once the new incoming Director is in place.

Interim Dir. Schultz informed the Board retired Director Bliss has offered to return to assist the Incoming Director with training for the position.

MOTION:

It was moved by Shelly Weppler, seconded by Mac McLeod and unanimously carried by the Board to table this option, continue discussion should this be needed once Incoming Director is in the position.

Interim Dir. Schultz informed the Board of the On Call Pay – New Policy effective 2021. On Call Worker will receive \$50 per day on-call compensation.

MOTION:

It was moved by Shelly Weppler, seconded by Hiedi Folstad-Miller and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the On Call Pay Policy.

Interim Dir. Schultz informed the Board of Human Service Zone COVID Bonus program. The state developed the statutory requirements and criteria. Document provided to the Board stating Human Service Zone Employees eligibility. Discussion by the Board regarding funding source paying the COVID Bonuses.

MOTION:

It was moved by Shelly Weppler and seconded by John Pietsch to approve the Human Service Zone COVID Bonus program to be paid to eligible Human Service Zone employees. Motion passed 4 to 2.

Interim Director Schultz informed the board Incoming Director's start date is January 10, 2022. Regarding current vacancies within the agency, new Foster Care Worker starts beginning of the year; the Family Service Specialist – In Home Worker vacancy initial interviews were accomplished and second interviews will be taking place this week; the Eligibility Worker I position was filled internally, thus there is now a vacancy for an Office Assistant with the posting to occur soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Karen Schultz, Interim Ward CHSZ Director

Date

Mac McLeod, Secretary