

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2016

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on January 5, 2016 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Warren Peschl, Ed Popp, Jim McMahon, Jake Bauerly and Spencer Buerkle present. Call to order by County Board Chair Spencer Buerkle was at 9:42 AM.

Bauerly nominated Peschl for 2016 Chair of the Board. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Peschl for Human Service Board Chair for 2016. Chair Peschl called for nominations for 2016 Board Vice-Chair. Buerkle nominated Popp for 2016 Vice-Chair of the Board. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Popp for Human Services Board Vice-Chair for 2016.

Popp/Buerkle unanimous to approve the amended agenda: add item—update on Rule 5 facility.

McMahon/Bauerly unanimous to set 2016 Human Services Board meeting dates and times as presented (“first and third” Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM—unless otherwise noted), with the exception of the first Board meeting in December (the listing reflects a change of date to Wednesday, December 7th due to a conflict with the 2016 AMC Annual Conference and also reflects a change of time to 7:30 PM to combine with the Truth in Taxation meeting.)

Consent Agenda items #2 and #3 were “pulled” for further discussion. Buerkle/Popp unanimous to approve the remaining Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015 as written; 4) approve amendment to 2015 contract with *Lutheran Social Services* for a family advocate at Sauk Rapids Schools, and authorize the Chair to sign; 5) approve 2016 contract renewal with *TriCap* for volunteer driver services, and authorize the Chair to sign; 6) approve 2016 child and teen checkups administrative services budget between the Department of Human Services and Benton County Human Services Board, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 7) approve 2016 contract renewal with *Resource, Inc.* and authorize the Chair to sign. Following brief discussion regarding fiscal impact, McMahon/Bauerly unanimous to approve 2016 contract renewal with *Lutheran Social Services* for family preservation services (Consent Agenda item #2), and authorize the Chair to sign; also to approve 2016 contract renewal with *Lutheran Social Services* for therapeutic foster care (Consent Agenda item #3), and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nicole Ruhoff, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, explained that approval has been granted by the Department of Human Services to subcontract a portion of the Child & Teen Checkup grant duties; the contractor agrees to assist with all initial monthly outreach calls and all outreach calls for “Invisible Child” reports/lists, complete documentation of the outreach activity in CATCH 3 system, provide follow-up resources or referrals as deemed appropriate, and attend community events/meetings with community partners. Ruhoff stated that the contractor will be compensated based on a \$22.09 per hour rate basis, with a maximum of \$46,204.92 in 2016. Buerkle/Popp unanimous to approve a contract with Gina Rajkowski for Child & Teen Checkups outreach services, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, explained that, for several years, staff have been trying to develop a local Rule 5 facility (services provided by a Rule 5 facility would significantly reduce the length of out-of-home placements). He stated that the county attorneys met in December and came to an agreement that there will be one contract, but each county will sign as a separate entity; in addition,

Benton County will only need to guarantee one bed (previously 1.25 beds). Cornelius stated his hope that a proposed contract will be brought to the Board in the near future.

Chair Peschl adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.

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

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator