

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on May 17, 2016 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Jim McMahon, Jake Bauerly, Ed Popp, Spencer Buerkle and Warren Peschl present. Call to order by Chair Peschl was at 9:30 AM.

Bauerly/Buerkle unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Popp/McMahon unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2016 as written; and 2) approve Group Residential Housing Agreements for *Cummings Care Center* and *Brott's Board and Lodging* due to statutory requirements, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Sandi Shoberg, Social Services Supervisor, reported that Benton County Human Services performs three types of licensing—adult foster care, child foster care, and child care/family day care homes:

- Child Care Licensing—Benton County averages about 150 licensed child care homes (most of which are full at any time). New Federal rules going into effect this fall: 1) day care homes must be inspected every year and these visits must be “unannounced” (Benton County currently inspects every other year); 2) unlicensed homes that receive child care funds through the state must now be inspected every year; additionally, places like Kidstop with before/after school programs will now require inspections (currently Benton County only inspects county family day care homes); 3) licensing data must now be collected and dispersed electronically. Shoberg stated that it is yet unknown whether the county will receive fees for these additional inspections.
- Child Foster Care Licensing—32 licensed child foster care homes (can only use 17 of those homes, most of which are currently full—the rest are relative homes).
- Adult Foster Care Licensing—47 licensed adult foster care homes, mostly full at any time.

Shoberg pointed out that Benton County is responsible for investigating any public complaints about the providers in the county. She reported that Benton County did “amazing” on this year’s audit for Rule 13 in the area of child care licensing. Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, noted that there are inequities amongst counties as far as what child care providers receive from the state; further, these providers are getting inundated with more “hurdles” to cross.

Chair Peschl adjourned the meeting at 9:41 AM.

Warren Peschl, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator