

JANUARY 2021 COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

The January 2021 County Social Services Board Meeting was held in Cerro Gordo County at the CSS office on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 10:00 am and via GoTo Meeting.

Present: Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw, Roy Schwickerath, Floyd, CSS CEO Mary McKinnell. Via GoTo Meeting: John Schellhammer, Allamakee, Craig White, Black Hawk, Greg Barnett, Butler, Sharon Keehner, Clayton, Chris Watts, Cerro Gordo, Jeanine Tellin, Fayette, Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy, Pat Murray, Howard, Sandy Loney, Humboldt, Clarence Siepker, Pocahontas, Eric Donat, Adult System Consumer Rep, Brittney Montross, Adult System Provider Rep, June Klein-Bacon, Children's System Parent Rep, Cody Williams, Children's System Provider Rep, Jamie Heard, Children's Education System Rep.

Absent: John Pluth, Emmet, Gary Rayhons, Hancock, Mark Hendrickson, Mitchell, Mark Campbell, Webster.

1. Chair Schwickerath called County Social Services Board Meeting to order.
2. Motion by Vest, Tama, second by Siepker, Pocahontas, to approve today's agenda and the minutes of Dec. 9, 2020. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Barnett, Butler, second by Loney, Humboldt, to move Craig White to 2021 CSS Board Chair and Karl Helgevold to Vice Chair. Motion carried. Meeting turned over to White as Chair. Motion by Schwickerath, Floyd, second by Hackman, Chickasaw, to accept Finance Committee nomination of Barnett, Butler for Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.
4. FY2022 CSS Employee Benefits Renewal presentation by Ryan Berven and Samantha Gudenkauf from Group Benefit Partners.
5. The Adult Advisory Board has appointed Brittney Montross, Associate Program Director from Exceptional Persons, Inc. as the 2021-2022 Adult Provider Rep to the CSS Board. Board members welcomed her. Provider feedback was given by Montross.
6. Consumer feedback by Eric Donat.
7. Motion by Hackman, Chickasaw, second by Loney, Humboldt, to approve the Conflict of Interest Letter recommended by HR Committee for both staff and board members. Motion carried.
8. Discussion regarding 2021 holidays that fall on a weekend day (Independence Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day 2022). Final decision will be made at the February meeting.
9. Motion by Murray, Howard, second by Keehner, Clayton, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2021 ISAC Wellness Program Agreement. Motion carried.
10. Emma Hall will fill the position of Regional Coordinator of Children's Behavioral Health beginning Feb. 1, 2021.
11. Motion by Schwickerath, Floyd, second by Loney, Humboldt, to authorize CSS staff to initiate a Request for Information immediately for any CSS providers interested in providing IRS services in the region. Motion carried.
12. Pocahontas County has submitted their notice to leave the CSS Region on 7/1/21. Siepker stated that they need to move forward with no current legislation to stop this from happening.
13. CARES Act funding update was given.
14. Motion by Hackman, Chickasaw, second by Keehner, Clayton, to approve the December Financial report and claims listing. Motion carried.
15. Brief discussion on the FY2022 budget. HR Committee was asked to submit a wage increase recommendation to the board in February.
16. Motion by Hackman, Chickasaw, second by Barnett, Butler, to accept the December Exceptions to Policy. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Murray, Howard, second by Loney, Humboldt to authorize the Chair to sign provider agreement with Elevate CCBHC and lease agreement with Winneshiek County. Motion carried, with Schellhammer, Winneshiek abstaining on the lease agreement.
18. Vacancies on board committees was discussed. Chair White appointed Schwickerath, Floyd to the Finance Committee and Keehner, Clayton, to the HR Committee.
19. Discussion on mid-year vacancy of 2021 Vice Chair (Helgevold).
20. CSS Board legislative committee has not met. Donat again expressed interest. Schwickerath, Loney and Vest noted they have discussed legislation regarding the contiguous county requirement with legislators and ISAC but there has been no action in the legislature.
21. Motion by Loney, Humboldt, second by Watts, Cerro Gordo, to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Wed., February 24, 2021, 10:00 am.