



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – February 3, 2025

At 11:05 a.m., Zone Director, Mandi Freije called the regular meeting (In person and via Teams Meeting) of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board to order. Zone Board Members, Tracy Johnk, Tom Overn, Shawn Olauson, Allison Swenson and Jerry Bergquist were present. Absent was Cole Conley and Gayle Nelson. Eligibility Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO also attended.

Bergquist made a motion, seconded by Olauson, to approve the presented minutes. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Olauson made a motion to approve the presented vouchers, seconded by Johnk. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Election of officers was held. Johnk made a motion to nominate Bergquist as Vice Chair and Nelson as secretary. This motion was seconded by Olauson. Roll was taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Freije updated the board on staff. Freije told the board that at this time there is one open position in the EW Call Center unit. Freije informed the board that three previous Child Welfare employees were reinstated. One began employment in August 2024, another began in January 2025 and the third will begin employment in March 2025.

In other business, Overn asked for an update regarding issuing EBT cards locally. Freije informed the board that the workgroup has come to an agreement of the hybrid model. HSS is coming up with a proposal and will be sending it to the EBT Workgroup.

The April 7, 2025, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 12:25 p.m., Olauson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bergquist. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mandi Freije, Zone Director

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Gayle Nelson, Secretary