



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board - March 3, 2025

At 11:04 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, Allison Swenson, Cole Conley, Gayle Nelson and Jerry Bergquist were present. Absent was Shawn Clauson. Eligibility Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO, CW Supervisors Libby Wynne, Stephanie Morse and Carrie Anderson also attended.

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

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

Child Welfare Supervisors Libby Wynne (CPS), Stephanie Morse (FC-IH) and Carrie Anderson (FC-IH) joined the meeting and introduced themselves to the board. Each gave the board an update on the units they supervise.

Freije updated the board on staff. Freije told the board that at this time there is one open Child Welfare position for a Foster Care Case Manager which is currently being advertised. In Eligibility there are two open positions. Due to a retirement, there is an open Direct Care Associate position open. In addition, we have added a new position for a Direct Care Associate/Parent Aide position, this position will provide transportation in the child welfare unit and serve as back up to the homemaker.

In legislative updates Freije showed the board the system that the Director's Association is using to track bills and see if they have been monitored or testified at. At this time there has been no communication from the state regarding federal bill changes.

The April 7, 2025, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams. At 12:19 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary