

Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – April 7, 2025

At 11:02 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, Tom Overn, Allison Swenson, Shawn Olauson, Gayle Nelson and Jerry Bergquist were present. Absent was Tracy Johnk, Cole Conley, Eligibility Supervisor Sean Ryan, Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO, Shannon Davis Human Resource Director also attended.

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

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

Sean Ryan Eligibility Supervisor presented a PowerPoint to the board. This PowerPoint outlined the changes and updates to the Financial Assistance Unit. Some of the changes consisted of new income limits and expedite asset changes. Ryan informed the board that backlog is no longer an issue.

Freije explained to the board the Standards of Administration that the state has implemented. It is like a report card with nine different measures the state will look at quarterly. This report will be sent to the Vice Chairman of the zone board for review.

In legislation discussion Freije informed the board that there are still some bills that she is monitoring and waiting on results.

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 their has been no communication from the state regarding federal bill changes.

In other business Freije updated the board on our complex youth.

The May 5, 2025, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 12:28 p.m., Overn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Olauson. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, **≸**ecretary