



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board - May 30, 2024

At 1:03 p.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, Jerry Bergquist, Cole Conley, Gayle Nelson, Allison Swenson were present. Absent were Tom Overn and Shawn Olausen. Also present was Wanda Larson, and Child Welfare Supervisor Stephanie Morse.

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

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

Stephanie Morse, Child Welfare Supervisor provided the board with updates regarding the Foster Care/In-Home program. Across the zone there are 30 In-Homes families and 30 children placed in Foster Care. Throughout the state there are 1200 children in Foster Care. Morse explained the Safety Framework Practice Model that is used to keep track of how things are going. She also explained that they are working hard on working with schools, etc. to figure out what can be done as a community to provide services that will best help these children. Morse also told the board that we have had two adoptions this month and three coming up soon.

Freije showed the board the approved 2025 budget to the board and went over the operating budget. Freije told the board that any adjustments to this budget will be addressed at recalculation time.

Freije discussed the zone director's evaluation procedure with the board. Freije explained that evaluations have to be completed and presented before July 1, 2024, because raises begin in July and are based on the rating of the evaluation. Freije will complete her section of the evaluation then it will be sent to the board to complete their section and rating. Board members will complete the evaluation and sent it back by June 21.

Freije discussed changing the times and dates of the zone board meetings. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Due to a conflict with this schedule the board discussed moving the meeting times and dates to the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. Berquist suggested tabling the decision until the next board meeting when all board members are present to see what works for all. It was decided to hold the July zone board meeting on Monday, July 1 at 11 a.m. The absent zone board members will be notified of this change.

The July 1, 2024, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams. At 2:17 p.m., Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnk. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary