



## **Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – September 9, 2024**

At 11:15 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, Jerry Bergquist, Cole Conley, Tom Overn and Allison Swenson were present. Absent was Gayle Nelson and Shawn Olauson. Also present was Jessica Alonge.

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

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

Freije discussed the office spaces changes in the Valley City office. Valley City commissioners want to move us out of our office space in the Valley City office so they can move the Sheriff's office into the courthouse for security purposes. Freije met with some of the commissioners to discuss and meet a common ground with them. We need at least five offices for in house staff. A decision has been tabled until all involved can discuss their needs and come up with a solution that works for everyone.

Freije informed the board that Bridge Together Pantry will be holding a rummage sale at Club 1883 on September 28, 2024. Hotdog and brat meals will be sold at this event. Cloverdale is donating hotdogs and County Hearth is donating buns. Proceeds of this rummage sale will be used to stock the pantry. The pantry serves an average of 40 families per month.

Staffing updates were discussed with the board. Four new call centers employees were hired and starting on this date. Alyssa Baumann a previous Foster Care/In-Home worker was reinstated and will be coming back as a CPS worker starting on September 17, 2024. Currently we have three openings, a foster care worker (Valley City), eligibility worker (Jamestown) and an eligibility support specialist (Jamestown).

There was no other business discussed.

The October 7, 2024, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 12:04 p.m., Overn 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