



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – October 3, 2022

At 10:07 a.m., Zone Director, Mandi Freije called the regular meeting (via Teams Meeting) of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board to order. Steve Cichos, Gayle Nelson, Tracy Johnk, and Lisa Johnson was present. Absent was Shawn Olauson and Tom Overn. Susan Reichenberger Eligibility Lead Worker, Dennis Mansavage Child Welfare Foster Care/ In Home Case Manager, and Warren Abrahamson News Dakota attended.

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

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

Susan Reichenberger one of the Lead Eligibility Workers was introduced to the board. Reichenberger has been with the agency since 2003. Reichenberger explained the board some of her job duties part of which are training new staff on the programs. Reichenberger told the board she enjoys her job.

Dennis Mansavage one of the Child Welfare Foster Care/In Home Supervisor was introduced to the board. Mansavage has been with the agency since 2017. Mansavage informed the board that he has 20 years' experience working with children and families. Mansavage said he works with a great team which helps with the challenges that come up.

Freije gave the board a brief update on the eligibility redesign informing the board we are meeting weekly with the Region IV group to discuss the changes and what is going well and what is not going well. We are working on getting into our four different lanes which are Medicaid only, and they SNAP/Medicaid, all programs, and TANF. We will have several staff in different lanes, so their supervisors may be located in different zones.

Freije told the board her evaluation has been sent back from the state and had been forwarded to the zone board for their comments and rating. Freije will put this on the November agenda to review the completed evaluation.

In other business, Freije informed the board that we have one position open in the Jamestown office. Once this position is filled, we will be fully staffed.

The December 6, 2022, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 10:36 a.m., Cichos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary