



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – November 4, 2024

At 11:00 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, Cole Conley, Tom Overn, Gayle Nelson and Allison Swenson were present. Absent was Shawn Olauson and Jerry Bergquist, Overn made a motion, seconded by Conley, to approve the presented minutes. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. Overn made a motion to approve the presented vouchers, seconded by Conley. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. Freije updated the board on the purchase of a new zone vehicle. A GMC Acadia was purchased for the Valley City office. This vehicle is all wheel drive and the purchase for this vehicle was approved at the final budget meeting with fiscal.

Freije informed the board that twice a year, April and October we participate in a resource fair at JRCC. Mandi Freije (Director), Susan Reichenberger (EW Supervisor) and Madison Crisman (Central Prairie/Eastern Plains Director) attended this resource fair. This is to help residents getting discharged with help filling out financial assistance applications and to answer any questions they may have. Reichenberger goes to JRCC one a month to assist residents.

Freije explained the Director's Legislative Planning to the board. Freije told the board that at the Director's Association NDACCO conference they met as workgroups to work on documents for state employment and will share with the board when they are complete. Returning EBT issuance to the local county offices is still being worked on but may take more than a year before this will be brought back to the county offices for issuing EBT cards. Complex Youth issues is ongoing and being worked on.

There was no other business discussed.

The December 2, 2024, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 11:55 a.m., Overn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Conley. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary