

FEBRUARY 2021 COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

The February 2021 County Social Services Board Meeting was held in Cerro Gordo County at the CSS office on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 10:00 am and via GoTo Meeting.

Board Members Present: Craig White, Black Hawk, Larry Vest, Tama, CSS CEO Mary McKinnell. Via GoTo Meeting: John Schellhammer, Allamakee, Greg Barnett, Butler, Chris Watts, Cerro Gordo, Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw, Sharon Keehner, Clayton, Tim Schumacher, Emmet, Jeanine Tellin, Fayette, Roy Schwickerath, Floyd, Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy, Gary Rayhons, Hancock, Sandy Loney, Humboldt, Clarence Siepker, Pocahontas, Mark Campbell, Webster, Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek, Eric Donat, Adult System Consumer Rep, Brittney Montross, Adult System Provider Rep, June Klein-Bacon, Children's System Parent Rep, Cody Williams, Children's System Provider Rep, Jamie Heard, Children's Education System Rep.

Absent: Pat Murray, Howard, Mark Hendrickson, Mitchell, Karl Helgevold, Wright.

1. Chair White called County Social Services Board Meeting to order.
2. Motion by Watts, Cerro Gordo, second by Hackman, Chickasaw, to approve today's agenda and the minutes of Jan. 27, 2021. Motion carried.
3. Provider feedback by Brittany Montross.
4. Consumer feedback by Eric Donat.
5. CSS Board HR Committee has designated Pat Murray, Howard, as the new Chair and Larry Vest, Tama, as the new Vice Chair.
6. Motion by Vest, Tama, second by Loney, Humboldt to accept the CSS Board HR Committee's recommendation of a 3% across-the-board wage increase for CSS staff effective the first payroll following July 1, 2021 (pay period beginning 7/12/21). Motion carried.
7. Motion by Hackman, Chickasaw, second by Ashbacher, Winneshiek, to accept the CSS Board HR Committee's recommendation to observe Sunday holidays on the following Monday and Saturday holidays the previous Friday except for unusual circumstances like Christmas 2021: Christmas Eve will be observed on 12/23/21 and Christmas Day on 12/24/21. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Keehner, Clayton, second by Siepker, Pocahontas, to accept the CSS Telework Policy as recommended by the CSS Board HR Committee. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Loney, Humboldt, second by Vest, Tama, to forego the RFP process for Intensive Residential Services as only two providers are interested (Elevate CCBHC and Inspiring Lives) and they wish to submit one collaborative proposal. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Schwickerath, Floyd, second by Keehner, Clayton, to enter into a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) agreement with Elevate CCBHC to manage the I-START program and reimburse CSS for I-START staff costs beginning 3/1/2021, with goal of transitioning staff to Elevate employment 1/1/2022, and also for Elevate to fund I-START service cost for all enrolled members 3/1/21-4/30/21 and enter into a contract (to be brought to CSS Board for review) for a \$0.50 per capita contribution by CSS beginning 5/1/21. Motion carried.
11. CARES Act funding update was given. Please encourage providers and school districts to apply for grants.
12. Motion by Hackman, Chickasaw, second by Barnett, Butler, to approve the January Financial report and claims listing. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Keehner, Clayton, second by Schwickerath, Floyd, to approve the first draft of the CSS FY2022 budget. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Schwickerath, Floyd, second by Barnett, Butler, to accept the January Exceptions to Policy. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Vest, Tama, second by Schwickerath, Floyd, to table action on investment in marketing and website until more information is provided. Motion carried. CEO McKinnell will send Amperage proposal to board members for review.
16. Motion by Vest, Tama (with regrets), second by Campbell, Webster, to accept and place on file Humboldt County's request to leave the CSS Region. Motion carried.
17. Vacancies on board committees was discussed. Chair White appointed Schwickerath, Floyd to the Finance Committee and Keehner, Clayton, to the HR Committee.
18. Motion by Schwickerath, Floyd, second by Barnett, Butler, to authorize Chair to sign amended provider agreement with Elevate CCBHC, excluding Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties from Mobile Crisis Response (Eyerly-Ball will provide), and FY2022 ISAC Group Health Benefits documents. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Barnett, Butler, second by Schwickerath, Floyd, to move CSS Board Meeting location to Black Hawk County effective June 23, 2021, and begin rotating counties each month 1/1/2022 if feasible. Motion carried.
20. Next meeting will be Wed., March 24, 2021, 10:00 am.