

March 2020 County Social Services Board Minutes

The March 2020 County Social Services Board Meeting was held over GoToMeeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Present by Roll Call: Dennis Koenig, Allamakee; Craig White, Black Hawk; Chris Watts, Cerro Gordo; Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw; Sharon Keehner, Clayton; John Pluth, Emmett; Roy Schwickerath, Floyd; Gary Rayhons, Hancock; Pat Murray, Howard; Sandy Looney, Humboldt; Donnie Loss, Kossuth; Barb Francis, Mitchell; Clarence Siepker, Pocahontas; Larry Vest, Tama; Mark Campbell, Webster; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago; Ken Abrams, Worth; Marcia Oltrogge; Provider Rep

Absent: Greg Barnett, Butler; Jeanine Tellin, Fayette; Jim Ross, Grundy; Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek; Karl Helgevold, Wright; Eric Donat, Consumer Rep.

Guests: Libby Reekers, Tiffany Liska, Megan Taets, Karen Dowell, Sheri Vierkant, Bob Lincoln, Lisa Trainer

1. Chair Schwickerath called County Social Services Board Meeting to order.
2. Motion by Vest, Tama and Second by Siepker, Pocahontas to rescind item #14 from February 26, 2020 CSS Board Minutes due to item was not correctly and clearly stated in CSS Board Minutes. Item #14 will be reviewed further and brought back to CSS Board. Motion carried. Motion by Rayhons, Hancock and Second by Koenig, Allamakee to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Rayhons, Hancock and Second by Watts, Cerro Gordo to approve CSS provide employees up to additional 2 weeks (80 hours) paid leave if employee is: a. Subject to a quarantine or isolation order next advised by their health care provider to self-isolate due to COVID-19 issues; b. Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a diagnosis; c. Caring for an individual (does not have to be a family member) subject to a quarantine or isolation order or advised by a provider to self-quarantine; d. Caring for the employee's child if the child's school or place of care is closed or the child's care provider is unavailable due to the public health emergency; e. Experiencing any other substantially similar condition as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the following amendment: Effective with the current Proclamation of Disaster Emergency ordered by Iowa Governor from 12:01 am, March 9, 2020 through 11:59 pm, April 16, 2020. Early termination or an extension ordered by Governor will change this end date; everyone abides by this in good faith; not leaving homes except for necessities (doctor, medication, food); and those in isolation/quarantine limit movement to isolation/quarantine location. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Francis, Mitchell and Second by Siepker, Pocahontas to approve CSS employees' access to Medical leave Bank waiving FMLA due to absences related to COVID-19 with amendment changing the end date to the end date of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency by Iowa Governor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Francis, Mitchell and Second by Keehner, Clayton to approved CSS employees be paid for time available to work from home. Motion carried.
6. Bob Lincoln presented update on COVID-19 daily meetings. No Action.
7. Bob Lincoln presented information on how CSS is communicating and handling COVID-19 with Providers. Chair Schwickerath requested Bob email Directors information due to many items covered. Bob will email formal plans to CSS Board. No Action.
8. Motion by Francis, Mitchell and Second by Koenig, Allamakee to approve Bob Lincoln emailing FY2021 Annual Service and Budget Plan to CSS Board Members and CSS Executive Board to approve as it must be submitted to state by May 1, 2020. Motion carried. Noted Abrams, Worth voted against.
9. Motion by Siepker, Pocahontas and Second by White, Black Hawk to approve Property Tax Allocation with Delinquent Date of 05/31/2020. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Rayhons, Hancock and Second by White, Black Hawk to approve presented claims. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Loney, Humboldt and Second by Koenig, Allamakee to authorize Chair to sign provider agreements listed. Motion carried.
12. Motion by White, Black Hawk and Second by Watts, Cerro Gordo to adjourn meeting. Next CSS Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 2020 and Quadrant Advisory Boards will meet April 22, 2020 at 10 am.