

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

The CSS board meeting was held Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10AM in Howard County and via go-to meeting.

CSS Board Members Present: Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw; Dennis Keatley, Allamakee; Tavis Hall, Black Hawk; Janell Bradley, Fayette; Mark Kuhn, Floyd; Pat Murray, Howard; Bill Faircloth, Tama; June-Klein Bacon, Children's Services Parent Rep; Brittney Montross, Adult Provider Rep; Ashley Neuendorf, Justice Rep.

CSS Board Members Not Present: Bruce Grant, Consumer Rep; Kristi Aschenbrenner, Children's Education Rep; Matt Homstad, Children's Provider Rep; Dan Marx, Law Enforcement Rep.

Call County Social Services Board Meeting to order.

1. Motion by Bradley, Fayette; second by Faircloth, Tama; to approve today's agenda and the minutes from November 2023. Carried.
2. Motion by Bradley, Fayette; second by Kuhn, Floyd; to nominate Murray, Howard; as chair. Murray chaired the remainder of the meeting. Carried.
Motion by Kuhn, Floyd; second by Keatley, Allamakee; to nominate Janell Bradley, Fayette; as Vice Chair. Carried.
Motion by Bradley, Fayette; second by Faircloth, Tama to nominate Keatley, Allamakee; as Secretary/Treasurer. Carried.
3. Adult Services Provider Representative, Brittney Montross, provided an update regarding tech enabled services for clients, Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers, and the current needs of individuals experiencing homelessness in our region.
4. Children Services Representative, June Klein-Bacon, encouraged the board to follow current legislation regarding the AEAs, as well as legislation to be proposed for mental health and disability services.
5. No updates from Consumer Representative, Bruce Grant.
6. No updates from Youth Provider Representative, Matt Homstad.
7. No updates from Law Enforcement Representative, Sheriff Dan Marx.
8. Judicial Representative, Ashley Neuendorf, asked for the board to follow legislation relating to children's services.
9. No updates from CSS Board and Member Counties.
10. Mary McKinnell, CEO, provided update regarding HHS realignment. Legislation has not yet been proposed.

Human Resources

11. New Payroll/Benefits/Commitment Specialist, Miranda Sharp started employment with CSS on 12/11/23 and is working in our Waterloo Office. Miranda's starting hourly wage is \$27.00 per hour plus benefits.
12. Motion by Bradley, Fayette; and second by Faircloth, Tama; to approve CSS wage/salary increase of 4% COLA for all CSS employees for FY25. Carried. This increase would be effective for the first full pay period after July 1, 2024.
13. CSS current mileage rate of \$.57 per mile will remain in effect for 2024. Information only.

Organization.

14. Financial report and claims. Motion by Kuhn, Floyd; second by Murray, Howard; to approve presented claims. Carried.
15. FY22 audit results reviewed by Kris McGrane, Finance Manager.
16. Journal entries/deposit spreadsheet reviewed by Kris McGrane, Finance Manager.
17. Reviewed exceptions to policy for November and December 2023.
18. Motion by Bradley, Fayette; second by Faircloth, Tama; to approve American Secure Car contract. Carried.
19. The next CSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.
20. Motion by Faircloth, Tama; Second by Keatley, Allamakee to adjourn the meeting.