



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – October 7, 2024

At 11:03 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, Jerry Bergquist, Cole Conley, Tom Overn, Shawn Olauson and Allison Swenson were present. Absent was Gayle Nelson.

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 Johnk. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Freije updated the board on the child welfare and eligibility units. The child welfare unit attended a behavior health conference a few weeks ago. This conference was held virtually. There were keynote speakers that addressed the work child welfare workers do and talked about self-care for their high stress job. David Conrad will also be coming in person on a regular basis to do a secondary trauma training. This will be a mandatory training for the child welfare workers. Freije also informed the board that foster care workers are at a 100% meeting the requirement of seeing kids a minimum of once per month. Appreciation week was held for both child welfare and eligibility, child welfare has a luncheon at the Jamestown office, Valley City, Eastern Plains and Central Prairie child welfare workers were invited to attend this luncheon. Eligibility had a cookout in the park, Valley City staff were invited to attend.

Freije went over the 2024 budget with the board. We met with fiscal last Thursday and at this time we are \$300,000 under budget. This does not account for the new call center staff that were recently hired. At the budget meeting Freije asked to purchase a zone vehicle for the Valley City office out of the 2024 budget. Freije also asked fiscal if we could purchase new desks and chairs. Freije will update the board once she receives the decision

There was no other business discussed.

The November 4, 2024, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 11:58 a.m., Conley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bergquist. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary