

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Julie Bollmann		X
William Harris	X	
Christy Keele	X	
Romey Wagner	X	
Yee Leng Xiong	X	

All board members present attended the meeting virtually via Webex.

Also Present: Vicki Tylka and Coleen Krasowski

1. Meeting called to Order by Chair Christy Keele at 4:01 p.m.
2. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance and, therefore, no public comment.
3. Approve minutes from July 15, 2020, meeting

Action: Minutes approved

XIONG MOVED, WAGNER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2020. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Educational Presentations
 - A. Review of Family First Prevention Services Act and the impacts on child welfare practice and federal funding - Vicki Tylka provided a detailed presentation to the board on the upcoming Family First Prevention Services Act and the impacts it will have on child welfare practice and federal funding. Federal IV-E funding that currently supports out of home care expenses will be reduced, likely impacting our budget in 2022. In order to prepare for this, the department must implement practice changes to support more kids being able to stay at home with their families. This will necessitate reasonable caseloads, additional staff, more community services, and a philosophical change in how we think about child protective services. Partners, such as law enforcement, the courts, schools, and medical providers will need to be informed and engaged in this major systems change.

Vicki shared with the board that this is the most significant change in child welfare practice that she has seen in her career. Vicki answered board members' questions.
 - B. Review of key 2021 initial budget preparations: Personnel costs and out of home placement projections and impact on county levy – Coleen Krasowski, financial services supervisor, presented analysis of personnel costs and out of home placement projections for 2021. Coleen and Vicki answered board members' questions. Supervisor Wagner shared that it is important to tell the story of out of home placement costs on the county board floor so the

county board understands the impact, and that if we have a year where actual costs come in less than budgeted for out of home care that is a good thing.

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Action

- A. Recommendation to approve the creation of two 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Social Services Specialists – Vicki Tylka provided a description of how these positions will work with children and families to help prevent children being placed in out of home care whenever possible.

Action: Additional positions approved

WAGNER MOVED, XIONG SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF TWO 1.0 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIALISTS. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements and possible items for next agenda:

- Supervisor Wagner announced is resigning from the county board and will be replaced on the Social Services Board by a new county board supervisor. Vicki Tylka thanked Supervisor Wagner for his service and the insights he has provided. Supervisors Xiong and Harris and Board Chair Keele also thanked Supervisor Wagner for his service.
- 2021 Budget and data report and COVID-19 updates will be on the next Social Services Board meeting agenda.

7. Adjournment

There being no further items to be discussed **HARRIS MOVED, WAGNER SECONDED, TO ADJOURN MEETING. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.