

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Julie Bollmann	X	
William Harris	X	
Christy Keele	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 4:04 p.m.
2. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance and, therefore, no public comment.
3. Approve minutes from August 19, 2020, meeting

Action: Minutes approved

XIONG MOVED, KEELE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2020. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Educational Presentations
 - A. COVID-19 updates regarding programs and services: Vicki Tylka reviewed the updates with the board and answered board members' questions. Board Chair Keele thanked Vicki for the update.
 - B. Federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) – opportunities and challenges: Vicki Tylka advised the board that the FFPSA is not only a philosophical change but also a financial change. Challenges include:
 - Operating through Covid
 - Keeping all pieces moving with a high number of vacancies
 - Onboarding a new child welfare manager and new CPS IA access supervisor – both are experienced staff who are new to their roles
 - Possible building sale in 2021
 - Loss of a major community provider for in-home services

Vicki answered board members' questions.

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Action
 - A. Presentation of the proposed 2021 DSS budget – Coleen Krasowski, financial services supervisor,

presented the proposed 2021 DSS budget to the board. Coleen and Vicki answered board members' questions. Vicki advised the board that she and Coleen would be meeting with county administration on Monday, September 21, 2020, to present the budget.

Action: Budget approved

HARRIS MOVED, BOLLMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2021 DSS BUDGET AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements and possible items for next agenda:

- Supervisor Harris asked about workers utilizing online/virtual communications. Vicki responded that it is an absolute mix. Meetings are virtual on Webex. The change in dynamic challenges us to maintain culture and connectedness.
- Child Support annual performance update will be presented at either the October or November meeting.
- Supervisor Harris asked about the possible sale of the building in 2021. Vicki reviewed the ramifications if it is decided to sell the building in 2021 including what we would need to make it happen and how it would impact operational priorities.
- Supervisor Xiong asked about recruitment, diversity, and inclusion for employees and services we provide as a topic to be presented at a future board meeting.
- Board Member Bollmann asked about social and emotional effects on staff during Covid, and what we are doing to address these concerns. Vicki replied that this can be a future agenda item – what we're doing well and opportunities. We were fortunate that we had a great foundation with Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS).

7. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.