

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Julie Bollmann	X	
Allen Drabek	X	
William Harris		X
Christy Keele	X	
Yee Leng Xiong	X	

Board members Bollmann and Keele, and Supervisors Drabek and Xiong, attended the meeting virtually via WebEx.

**Also Present:** Vicki Tylka, Coleen Krasowski

1. Meeting called to Order by Chair Christy Keele at 4:03 p.m.

Board member Bollmann joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions – Nelson Pasha introduced Ashley Duncan, administrative coordinator, who will take minutes and support the board and director at the October 20, 2021, meeting.
3. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance and, therefore, no public comment.
4. Approve minutes from August 18, 2021, meetings

Action: Minutes approved

**XIONG MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021.  
VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Request authorization for 1.0 FTE new position in October 2021 – Social Service (ELEVATE) Coordinator – Vicki Tylka presented this request to the board. The following key points were touched on in support of the request:
  - This fully grant-funded position would require zero county levy.
  - Our child support agency’s strong performance and successful outcomes through the ELEVATE program have resulted in additional grant funding, and we expect this to continue.
  - If grant funding ends at some point in the future, we would absorb the position costs through normal attrition.

Action: Request approved

Board Chair Keele left the meeting to attempt to rejoin the meeting due to internet connectivity issues. Without objection, Vice Chair Xiong took over chairing the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

**XIONG MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR 1.0 FTE NEW POSITION IN OCTOBER 2021 – SOCIAL SERVICE (ELEVATE) COORDINATOR. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board Chair Keele rejoined the meeting.

B. Presentation of the proposed 2022 Department of Social Services (DSS) budget

Coleen Krasowski, financial services supervisor, reviewed the proposed 2022 DSS budget with the board. The 2022 proposed budget represents a decrease in levy request of \$449,087 from the 2021 budget.

The out of home care budget represents levy savings in the amount of \$96,164 due to additional revenues and no increased budgeting for additional out of home care days as compared to 2021.

Board Chair Keele asked what is driving the significant increase in correctional care costs. Vicki Tylka shared with the board that this is a result of the legislation to downsize/eliminate Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake and move to regional facilities throughout the state. This has resulted in the facility running with the same operating budget while serving far less children. Thus, the cost per child has increased by almost double.

Action: Budget approved

**XIONG MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2022 DSS BUDGET AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Announcements and possible items for next agenda – Vicki Tylka shared with the board that a presentation on the Child Support ELEVATE grant will be on an upcoming meeting agenda. An update on racial disparity in the child welfare system will be shared with the board in early 2022.

6. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.