

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 4:00 p.m.**

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Julie Bollmann	X	
Allen Drabek	X	
William Harris		X
Christy Keele	X	
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Board members Bollmann, Supervisor Harris, and Keele attended the meeting virtually via Webex. Supervisor Drabek attended the meeting in person at River Drive.

Also Present: Vicki Tylka, Coleen Krasowski

1. Meeting called to Order by Chair Christy Keele at 4:01 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance and, therefore, no public comment.
4. Approve minutes from February 17, 2021, meeting

Action: Minutes approved

BOLLMANN MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021. VOICE VOTE REVEALED ALL IN FAVOR AND NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Educational Presentations
 - A. Presentation of 2020 year-end out of home placement data – Coleen Krasowski, financial services supervisor, presented to the board summaries of the different out-of-home categories, numbers of placements per category, and actual vs. budgeted cost comparisons. Vicki Tylka reminded the board that our strategy has been to use a 10-year average for budgeting.
 - B. Overview of sections of the Governor’s budget relating to DSS programs – Vicki Tylka reviewed with the board excerpts from the Wisconsin Counties Association summary of the governor’s proposed 2021-2023 biennial budget. She highlighted the sections relating to Department of Social Services programs including significant increases in child welfare in preparation for Family First Prevention Services Act. Also noted were areas of concern and need for more information regarding numerous proposals in relation to youth justice and county role in system change stemming from closing Lincoln Hills. Budget proposal includes age 17 year old youth being served in the Youth Justice system.

- C. Initial presentation on local racial disparity data in the child welfare system – Because two board members were unable to attend today’s meeting unexpectedly, Vicki Tylka recommended it may be appropriate to delay this agenda item to the April 2021 meeting. This will also give staff time to gather more information. There was no objection from the board members present at the meeting. Board Chair Keele agreed this presentation will be delayed until the April 2021 Social Services Board meeting.

Supervisor Harris joined the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

6. Announcements and possible items for next agenda

- Initial presentation on local racial disparity data in the child welfare system
- 2020 child welfare scorecard

7. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.