

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes  
Wednesday, April 21, 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 Bollman, Keele, and Supervisor Xiong attended the meeting virtually via Webex. Supervisor Drabek attended the meeting in person at River Drive.

**Also Present:** Vicki Tylka, Christa Jensen

1. Meeting called to Order by Chair Christy Keele at 4:11 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance and, therefore, no public comment.
4. Approve minutes from March 17, 2021, meeting

Action: Minutes approved

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

Bollmann joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

5. Educational Presentations
  - A. Presentation of 2020 child welfare scorecard – Vicki Tylka reviewed the 2020 child welfare scorecard with the board. The presentation highlighted both strengths and areas for improvement.
  - B. Initial presentation on local racial disparity data in the child welfare system – Vicki Tylka presented a detailed report including comparisons of data from other counties of comparable size to Marathon County as well as statewide results. The information highlighted the number of child maltreatment reports from the community and partners sorted by race compared to population. Marathon County DSS, as the child welfare agency, then applies standards for screening in or out of the reports and local data was provided by race for this measure. Additional information will be researched regarding other local measures, such as substantiation rates and out of home placement rates. In addition, the Department of Social Services continues to consult with the Department of Children and Families to further interpret data, and begin to strategize around how to address disparities. Vicki answered board members' questions about the information presented.

6. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Update on DSS move planned for January 2023 – We toured the future location of DSS in the Marathon County Lakeview Campus. Initial plans accommodate an improved space for the family visitation room and location of meeting rooms are strategized to meet trauma informed practices. We plan to work with Rise Up to have a mural for our entrance or our children’s area in collaboration with the Citizen Review Panel.

7. Announcements and possible items for next agenda

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month – We partnered with the Citizen Review Panel, The Women’s Community and Child Advocacy Center to support communities in the family.
- Continue racial disparity conversation
- Information about our department’s culture survey results

8. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.