

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Julie Bollmann		✓
Allen Drabek	✓	
Kody Hart	✓	
Christy Keele	✓	
Yee Leng Xiong	✓	

Christy Keele and Supervisors Drabek and Hart attended the meeting in person. Supervisor Xiong attended the meeting via WebEx.

**Staff Present:** Christa Jensen

1. Board Chair Christy Keele called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Supervisor Morache attended by phone.
3. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
4. Approval of the December 21, 2022, meeting minutes

**DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 21, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Educational Presentations

A. Families First

Christa presented this update to the board, highlighting key points in the educational materials developed by the Department of Children and Families that were included in the meeting packet. Christy Keele asked about reporting to the state. Christa said yes, this is currently being done in town hall meetings.

Christa also touched on some practice changes the social work unit has made to work within the guidelines of Families First; for example, they have changed two ongoing workers to working with families where child was never removed. Again, trying to be proactive rather than reactive.

Supervisor Drabek asked about mental and physical health and how that impacts child safety decisions. Christa provided a brief overview of how this process works. Christa also explained how emotional damage is assessed.

Supervisor Drabek also asked about the Family Keys program. Christa shared that the

contracts are signed, and one family is actively enrolled. They were able to get an apartment rented. There are a few more families who will be ready in the next three months. We are trying to keep them in their current school district and near family supports.

Supervisor Hart asked if regular update on numbers can be provided. Christa is okay with having this on the agenda monthly as an update.

B. Community Partner's Campus – DSS's role

Social Services uses the Marathon County Human Services office at Community Partners Campus (CPC) providing warm body staffing Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. connecting customers to resources and services. Customers may access our Economic Support services. North Central Health Care is providing telepsychiatry services. We are monitoring the number of families served monthly, quarterly, and at six-month intervals. Wausau Police Department social worker also uses the human services office at CPC. If families feel safe there, we can meet them at CPC. Our hours at CPC align with the market hours. Supervisor Xiong asked for regular updates on CPC.

C. Human Services Leadership Team – Information sharing

Christa shared with the board (partnering with North Central Health Care) the Desired Future State card specific to Community Programs.

6. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

None

7. Announcements and possible items for next agenda

The following possible future agenda items were mentioned:

- Putting Children First (Child Support)
- Unwinding of FoodShare and Medical Assistance
- CLTS/CCS waitlist – asking for additional positions (no extra county levy) to reconfigure caseloads

8. Adjournment

There being no further items to be discussed **DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO ADJOURN MEETING. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.