

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Julie Bollmann	✓	
Allen Drabek	✓	
Kody Hart	✓	
Yee Leng Xiong	✓	

Julie Bollmann attended the meeting via WebEx. Supervisors Drabek, Hart, and Xiong attended in person.

Staff Present: Christa Jensen

1. Board Chair Yee Leng Xiong called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – There were no new staff nor new board members in attendance; therefore, no introductions were necessary.
3. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance, and, therefore, no public comment.
4. Approval of the March 15, 2023, meeting minutes

DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Informational Updates
 - A. Vacancies in the Leadership team – Christa shared with the board that we are actively interviewing for the child welfare manager position. Five candidates were selected to interview in the first round, and two will be selected to move forward to the second round. Interviews for the CLTS/CCS social work supervisor are finished, and Christa hoped to extend an offer by the end of the day today. Both internal and external candidates were interviewed for both positions.
 - B. Family Keys – Christa shared with the board that four families have been enrolled year-to-date. All four are in the Wausau area. We are also currently working with a family in Spencer. The program is going well so far. Marathon County Social Services staff have been invited and will be presenting at the national supportive housing conference in Philadelphia. Christa answered the board members’ questions.
 - C. CLTS/CCS caseloads and position requests – Christa presented to the board the needs for additional staff to support the Children’s Long-Term Support and Comprehensive Community Services programs. The current caseload is 33 cases per social worker, and the recommended case load is 12-14 cases per social worker. There are currently 78 children on the waitlist, and a 141 percent enrollment increase is forecast in the next year. Any

additional positions would be fully funded and would require zero county levy. The board asked Christa to bring this request back to the June board meeting with the position request forms and costings to be considered as items for discussion and possible action.

- D. Tour of new Social Services offices – Board Chair Xiong asked the board members in attendance if they agreed with taking the tour after adjourning the meeting. All board members agreed, and the board members attending in person took the tour after the meeting adjourned.

6. Educational Presentations

None

7. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

None

8. Announcements and possible items for next agenda

- A. An educational presentation regarding areas of child abuse/neglect, requirements to screen in, and to move a case forward for a CHIPS petition/ongoing services.

9. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.