

Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Staff Present: Christa Jensen, Kelly Gross, Leah Griesbach

1. Board Chair Yee Leng Xiong called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Christa Jensen, director, introduced Kelly Gross, child support manager, and Leah Griesbach, child support grant coordinator.
3. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance, and, therefore, no public comment.
4. Approval of the June 21, 2023, meeting minutes
HART MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Educational Presentations
 - A. Marathon County Child Support Elevate and Children’s First – Kelly Gross provided a brief overview of child support, the ELEVATE grant, and Children’s First. Kelly touched on the successes we’ve had in partnering with other units in Social Services. ELEVATE is voluntary, and Children’s First is court-ordered. Leah Griesbach presented in greater detail about the ELEVATE grant program, the successes achieved thus far, and the appreciation staff has received from several clients. Kelly and Leah answered board members’ questions. In October, they will present to the board on performance results.
CASA of Marathon County – Christy Keele – Christy Keele provided a presentation to the board about court-appointed special advocate (CASA). CASA functions in a supporting role and is not part of Marathon County Social Services.
6. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
None
7. Announcements and possible items for next agenda
 - A. September – Community Response data and educational presentation
 - B. October – 2022 socrecard and 2024 budget discussion
8. Adjournment
There being no further items to be discussed **DRABEK MOVED, ROBINSON SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.