

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

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

Social Services Staff Present: Christa Jensen, Mike Nelson, Katie Folwarski, Amber Tomaszewski

Corporation Counsel Staff Present: Michael Puerner

Board Member Robinson joined the meeting via WebEx at 3:35 p.m. All other board members attended in person.

Public in attendance: Isabella (UWSP student, in person) and Sierra Jahlowitz (via telephone/WebEx)

1. Board Chair Yee Leng Xiong called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment – No public in attendance registered to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting; therefore, the board chair closed the public comment portion of the meeting.
3. Approval of the August 16, 2023, meeting minutes
DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 16, 2023, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action
 - A. None
5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution
 - A. Election of Social Services Board Chair and Vice Chair (if necessary) – Board Chair Xiong asked Corporation Counsel Michael Puerner to chair the meeting until a new board chair was elected.

Mr. Puerner took over as meeting chair and opened the floor for nominations for the board chair position. Hart nominated Yee Leng Xiong for board chair. Mr. Puerner made a second call for nominations. There were no other nominations. Mr. Puerner made a third and final call for nominations. There were no other nominations.

DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT YEE LENG XIONG BOARD CHAIR BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. VOICE VOTE REVEALED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 1 ABSTENTION: XIONG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. XIONG WAS ELECTED BOARD CHAIR.

Board Chair Xiong took over as meeting chair and opened the floor for nominations for the board vice chair position. Drabek nominated Hart for board vice chair. Chair Xiong made a second call for

nominations. There were no other nominations. Chair Xiong made a third and final call for nominations. There were no other nominations.

DRABEK MOVED, ROBINSON SECONDED, TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT KODY HART BOARD VICE CHAIR BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. VOICE VOTE REVEALED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 1 ABSTENTION: HART. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. HART WAS ELECTED BOARD VICE CHAIR.

6. Educational Presentations – Christa Jensen introduced Social Services staff present.
 - A. Community Response data review – Amber Tomaszewski, community response social worker, presented to the board statistics on the community response program. Amber and Christa answered board members’ questions.
 - B. Family Support Specialists (FSS) data review – Mike Nelson, child welfare manager, presented to the board statistics about the FSS, how they help to support families through parent education using an evidence-based curriculum. The FSS workers are helping us to meet the expectations of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act. Mike and Christa answered board members’ questions. Supervisor Drabek asked for a more detailed presentation about the curriculum. The other board members agreed, and this will be presented at a future meeting.
 - C. Update on new Childrens Long Term Support (CLTS) positions – Christa reported to the board that interviews are underway for the accounting specialist position, first interviews for the social work supervisor position are scheduled next week, and one of the new social worker positions is posted.

7. Announcements and possible items for next agenda
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next Social Services Board Meeting: Wed., Oct. 18, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., in the Winnebago Room.
 - C. Oct. agenda items: Child Support performance review, 2022 child welfare scorecard, and 2024 budget.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.