

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes**  
**Friday, January 5, 2024**

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

The board members present all attended the meeting virtually via WebEx.

**Social Services Staff Present:** Christa Jensen, Director; Kelly Gross, Child Support Program Manager; and Leah Griesbach, ELEVATE Grant Coordinator

1. Board Chair Yee Leng Xiong called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment – There was no public in attendance, and no one 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 November 15, 2023, meeting minutes

**DRABEK MOVED, ROBINSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 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. Budget transfer request to accept Women United Impact Grant through the United Way in the amount of \$7,000 to support a non-custodial mothers' support group – Director Jensen explained to the board that this grant became available after the budget period. Leah Griesbach shared with the board that Child Support had 6 participants in a non-custodial fathers' support group which was well received and helpful to these clients' progress with their cases. Because non-custodial mothers are in a unique situation, Child Support/ELEVATE staff felt that a non-custodial mothers' support group may be successful as well. There is great interest from current clients in participating. There is no county match and no county levy involved during this grant year. Staff anticipates the grant amount would fund bi-weekly

classes for the remainder of the year, some meals, and some gas cards or other transportation assistance for clients needing such to participate.

**HART MOVED, ROBINSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST TO ACCEPT A \$7,000 WOMEN UNITED IMPACT GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED WAY TO SUPPORT A NON-CUSTODIAL MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Educational Presentations

A. None

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: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., in the Winnebago Room. Chair Xiong shared that he will be attending the Wisconsin Association of School Boards convention in Milwaukee on this date, and Vice Chair Hart will be present to chair the Social Services Board meeting that day if needed.

C. January agenda items:

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 1:38 p.m.