

**Traverse County Board of Commissioners
Social Service Board Minutes
October 15, 2024
9:00 AM**

Traverse County Social Services Department
202 8th Street North, Wheaton MN 56296

The regular meeting for the Traverse County Board of Commissioners/Social Service Board was held at the Traverse County Social Services Department, Wheaton, MN on October 15, 2024. Commission Vice-Chair, Jerrel Olson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Jerrel Olson, Vice-Chair
Dwight Nelson
Chad Metz
Kayla Schmidt

Members Absent: Mark Gail, Chair
Stacy Hennen, Director

Other: Kari Rude, Deputy Director
Shelly Staebler, Supervisor

CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Actions requiring Board Action):

A. Approval of Agenda, Minutes of Previous Meeting, and Donation(s):

1. Ave Maria Ladies Guild - \$45.00

Approval of Agenda, Minutes of Previous Meeting and Donations were presented. Upon a motion by Commissioner Schmidt, second by Commissioner Nelson, and carried unanimously, the agenda, September minutes, and donations to the agency were approved.

CASELOAD TOTALS: Reviewed.

	09/30/23	09/30/24
Social Services (Workgroups)	65	73
Income Maintenance	694	681
Child Support	55	59
Child Care Assistance - Cases	4	6
Child Care Assistance - Providers	6	6
Totals	824	825

OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS:

The deputy director reviewed and discussed the placement numbers. We have nine children in placement via social services. We have four children in non-relative care, two in relative or kin foster care, two in supervised independent living, and one with a non-custodial parent. There is one placement that the agency does not pay a foster care rate for, because the child is placed with a parent. One adoption has happened since September, so that will drop off next month's data.

A. Placements:

1. Total - 9
2. Social Services - 9
3. Corrections – 0

FISCAL REVIEW:

A. Cash Balances:

1. Cash Balance as of 09/30/2020 - \$1,639,264.01
2. Cash Balance as of 09/30/2021 - \$1,768,210.06
3. Cash Balance as of 09/30/2022 - \$2,215,483.41
4. Cash Balance as of 09/30/2023 - \$2,327,224.56
5. Cash Balance as of 09/30/2024 - \$2,038,902.28

DISCUSSION/DECISION:

A. Budget:

1. The September 2024 Financial Summary was reviewed with the board. We are down \$288,322.28 from last year, as discussed above. Social Service is at 86% through the year, and our expenses are at 72%. We had estate recovery in September of \$33,828.25, which brings our total to \$102,575.70. We have not had any county burials this year.

B. DHS Updates:

1. None

C. Traverse County Updates:

1. Minnesota African American Family Preservation/Child Welfare Disproportionality Act (MAAFP/CWDA)

The deputy director discussed the local impact survey that was requested by AMC. This report is to meet the MAAFP/CWDA needs. To implement this program, all three counties would need an additional \$900,000.00 for the program, annually. The director will provide detailed information at next month's meeting.

2. 2024 Annualized Self-Support Index Agency Reports

The supervisor discussed that Traverse County received \$93,000.00 to provide CEP services in Traverse County. Of the clients who received cash assistance, 82% were able to get a GED.

ADMINISTRATIVE/VENDOR PAYMENTS: Upon a motion by Commissioner Nelson, and a second by Commissioner Metz, the vendor payments were unanimously approved.

ADJOURN: 9:22 AM

Next meeting: November 19, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Attested to by:

Kari Rude, Deputy Director

Jerrel Olson, Vice-Chair