

MINUTES -February 16, 2021

**Cherokee County Department of Social Services**

**Board of Directors**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 16, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cherokee County Department of Social Services was duly called and held on February 16, 2021, at 6:31 P.M., via Zoom.

**Present were:**

Dan Eichenbaum, Chair

Gary Westmoreland, Member

Cal Stiles, Member

Randy Phillips, Member

Jan Griggs, Member

**Staff present were:**

Amanda Tanner-McGee, DSS Director

Andria Duncan, DSS Attorney

Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board

Mr. Eichenbaum called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M., and Amanda Rhodes, Clerk to the Board recorded the minutes.

**II. Modification of Agenda**

There was no modification to the agenda.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Stiles made a motion to adopt the agenda, with Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote, the Board approved the agenda.

**IV. Public Forum**

There were no Board or public comments or questions.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

**January 19, 2021**

Mr. Westmoreland made a motion to accept, Mrs. Griggs seconding the motion, with a unanimous vote the Board approved the January 19, 2021 DSS Board meeting minutes.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. DHHS MOU Rebuttal**

Director McGee informed the Board that she has received no response from the state in reference to the DHHS MOU Rebuttal Letter at this time. Director McGee discussed an upcoming meeting on March 5, 2021 with the Smokey 7 Directors.

**B. Vaya Health/DSS One Home Initiative**

Director McGee made a proposal to the Board to authorize one additional Social Worker III position to focus primarily on assisting families in the One Home Initiative Program and the recruitment of foster families. Director McGee discussed that the requested Social Worker III position would be no additional cost to the county due to revenue from the One Home Project that will cover the county cost of the position. Dr. Eichenbaum made a motion to accept, Mr. Stiles seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote the Board approved an additional Social Worker III position for the One Home Initiative families and recruitment of foster families.

**VII. Director's Report/ Statistical Report**

Director McGee provided the Board with the January 2021 Statistical Report prior the meeting. Director McGee informed the Board that the Income Maintenance REDA audit has been cited for technical errors and so far, has no errors that are known to be a financial payback. The REDA audit will continue through the month of February. Final results will be provided to the county in March. Director McGee also reported that DSS programs as whole are doing well, with no corrective actions taken in any program to date this fiscal year.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. with Mr. Phillips making a motion to adjourn, Mr. Stiles seconding the motion, and all in favor.