



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for January 11, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 2:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of December 14, 2023 Minutes
4. Approval of January 11, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. Follow-up regarding investing unrestricted county funds
7. MCSSA District II Meeting
8. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
9. MCSSA Legislative Conference-Save the date
10. MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter
11. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
12. Correspondence:
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 11:00 am

Citizens may contact Director Julie Waldron in advance of the meeting for additional information or questions at 231-627-8539. Arrangements can be made to accommodate those with disabilities.



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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for February 8, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of January 11, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of February 8, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA Dues Invoice
7. MCSSA District II Meeting
8. MCSSA 2023-2024 Priorities
9. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
10. MCSSA Legislative Conference and Registration Packet
11. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) Staffing Allocation
 - c.) Wayne County CPS Assistance
12. Correspondence:
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for March 14, 2024
Location: Rogers City OLD County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of February 8, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of March 14, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
8. MCSSA Legislative Conference and Registration for April 9-10
9. Presque Isle EFSP Board Meeting and Allocation Distribution
10. MDHHS FY24 Budget
11. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) Wayne County CPS Assistance
12. Correspondence:
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for April 11, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of March 14, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of April 11, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
8. NEMCSA Resources
9. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) Staffing Update
10. Correspondence:
MCSSA dues receipt showing as paid \$909
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for May 9, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of April 11, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of May 9, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. Allan Bruder update
7. MCSSA District II Meeting
8. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
9. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) Staffing Update
 - c.) Employee Engagement and Public Service Recognition Week
10. Correspondence:
None
11. Roundtable
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for June 13, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of May 9, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of June 13, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Vice President/ Legislative Committee/ Development and Education Committee Update
8. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) New Illicit Drug-Medetomidine
 - c.) Handle with Care
 - d.) Staffing Update
9. Correspondence:
None
10. Roundtable
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for July 11, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of June 13, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of July 11, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter-July
8. MDHHS FY25 Budget
9. State Appointed DHHS Board Member
10. Agency Updates
 - a.) Medicaid Redeterminations
 - b.) Staffing Update
11. Correspondence:
Board Resignation from Allan Bruder dated 7/1/24
12. Roundtable
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for August 8, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of July 11, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of August 8, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Annual Conference/Business Meeting registration due by 8/15/24
8. MCSSA Up to the Minute
9. MiThrive Photovoice Project
10. CPS Audit Follow Up
11. Agency Updates
 - a.) PHE (Public Health Emergency) Wrap-up
 - b.) Staffing Update
 - c.) State Appointed DHHS Board Member
 - d.) Grief and Bereavement Support Resources
12. Correspondence:
13. Roundtable
14. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for September 12, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of August 8, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of September 12, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Annual Conference/Business Meeting registration status
8. MiThrive Photovoice Project follow-up
9. Agency Updates
 - a.) State Appointed DHHS Board Member update
 - b.) GetSetUp Classes
10. Correspondence:
11. Roundtable
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for October 11, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of September 12, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of October 11, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. EFSP Board Meeting October 28, 2024 at 10:00am
8. Presque Isle Coalition Update
9. Agency Updates
 - a.) State Appointed DHHS Board Member update
10. Correspondence: MCSSA Invoice dated 10.2.24
11. Roundtable
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:00 am

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**Presque Isle Department of Health and Human Services
Board Agenda for November 14, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of October 11, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of November 14, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter
8. EFSP Board Meeting Review
9. Presque Isle Coalition Update
10. Agency Updates
 - a.) State Appointed DHHS Board Member update
11. Correspondence:
12. Roundtable
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Board Agenda for December 12, 2024
Location: Rogers City County Commissioner's Room 11:00 am**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of November 21, 2024 Minutes
4. Approval of December 12, 2024 Agenda/Additions
5. Monthly Reports and Expenditures
6. MCSSA District II Meeting
7. MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter
8. MCSSA dues invoice submitted
9. Presque Isle Coalition Update
10. Agency Updates
 - a.) State Appointed DHHS Board Member update
 - b.) Staffing Allocation
 - c.) Michigan WIC Breastfeeding Warmline, Weatherization Assistance, and MSP Angel Program
11. Correspondence:
12. Roundtable
13. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 11:00 am

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PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Allan Bruder, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of December 14, 2023 Minutes:

A motion to approve the December 14, 2023 Minutes was made by Cynthia with the typo correction that the term expiration date for Chris is 10/31/2026. Motion was seconded by Chris and motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions January 11, 2024

A motion to approve the January 11, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

Follow-up regarding investing unrestricted county funds:

Julie followed up with both Ann Marie Main and Bridget LaLonde. It was confirmed that it is not possible to re-invest the unrestricted funds in a CD or high yielding Money Market. These funds must be immediately available for use in case of an emergent situation.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Reminder the next District Meeting is on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:00am in Gaylord. This is an important meeting as elections will be held and Don Bartosch is stepping down as President. Julie plans on attending this meeting as well.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

The MCSSA priorities have been set for 2023-2024 and we will plan to review and discuss at the next meeting.

There will be a Listen and Learn on February 5, 2024 at 1:30pm. The Traverse Narcotics Team will be presenting on Fentanyl, Gun Violence, and Human Trafficking.

Discussion about helping youth move into adulthood though volunteer mentoring especially for those youth moving out of CCI care. Allan is advocating this effort be moved forward.

Today is the first day back in session for Legislators this year. Not much is happening to move bills forward since seats are tied 54 to 54.

The raise in social security benefits has hurt some recipients as it put them just over the threshold to qualify for benefits.

Focus of the Development and Education Committee has been on brainstorming themes for the Annual Conference.

MCSSA Legislative Conference-Save the date:

Save the date information was provided for the Legislative Conference to be held April 9-10, 2024 in Lansing.

MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter:

Copy provided for board member review.

Agency Update:

On 01/01/24, performance metrics for Medicaid Redeterminations came in at 61.62%. On 01/07/24, that performance increased to 75.60%. It is anticipated processing will continue to improve and that we will achieve the December metric of 85% during the month of January.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

N/A

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES February 8, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of January 11, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the January 11, 2024 Minutes was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions February 8, 2024

A motion to approve the February 8, 2024 agenda was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA Dues Invoice:

MCSSA dues invoice reviewed and discussed. Chris made a motion to pay the MCSSA dues invoice of \$909.00. Cynthia seconded. Motion carried.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Extensive discussion about the meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 as Chris, Cynthia, and Julie were all in attendance.

Don Bartosch has stepped down as president. Attendance was poor and there was not a quorum so voting did not happen. No one present at the meeting was interested in filling one of the board vacancies. Alpena County Director, Tina Smigelski, agreed to talk with the current vice president, who was out of town, to see if she would agree to become the president.

Times and dates of the meeting have been altered to try to accommodate participant schedules. Julie suggested that some boards chose to meet in the evening to allow working individuals to attend, but not sure if that will help in this situation as some current attendees may then chose to not attend in the evening.

Board members find this situation with MCSSA District II to be quite discouraging and not sure how and if the situation can be improved. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

Allan was absent today so there were no updates available.

MCSSA Legislative Conference and Registration Packet:

Julie provided the MCSSA Legislative Conference Registration Packet for April 9th and 10th. Chris and Cynthia both indicated their interest in participating this year. They plan to coordinate with one another and will present their registration packets to Ann Marie Main by February 23rd to give Ann Marie time to process their registrations and payment.

Agency Update:

Medicaid Redetermination information not available for this meeting.

Julie shared the Staffing Allocation and explained reasons for red-lining of 1 NFIS worker and what that means for her, as well as coverage for the FIM position with a 2nd Line Program Manager position, loss of 1 CPS vacancy, gain of 1 FC position, gain of 1 JJ position, gain of 1 ES position. In addition, a 2nd CPS vacancy was taken to cover another county's unfunded position. Once all allocation packages are approved, Julie will learn whether there are any transfers to her county and then will be able to post for vacancies for remaining positions that are not filled with transfers.

Although staffing shortages in child welfare have been problematic throughout the state, Wayne County is in a dangerous situation. Since they are so extremely short staffed, they are unable to ensure child safety. Request has been made statewide for CPS staff to volunteer to go to Wayne County to work for an extended period of time and/or for other CPS workers to work from their home county as the primary worker. Face to face interviews, home visits, well-child verifications will take place by a Wayne County courtesy worker with out-stationed primary workers participating virtually. Court hearing participation may also take place virtually by the out-stationed primary worker unless the judge or attorneys require in-person presence.

Cheboygan-Presque Isle workers are concerned with their liability servicing Wayne County cases, but may likely be required to take on cases from our surrounding counties who's workers have volunteered to handle Wayne County cases.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Chris is a member of the Optimist Club and shared struggles their Club is having in working with Roger City Elementary School for food distribution to 24 students at the Elementary School, 2 students at the Catholic School, and 1 at the Lutheran School. The school initially requested assistance with food distribution through the backpack program. They no longer reference the food distribution as the backpack program but they deliver 4 weeks of food 1X per month to the school for distribution. The Optimist Club members cannot know who the students are and the school is no longer wanting to distribute the food. They want the Club to use another location, however, again the Club members

cannot have contact with the families. Chris feels the school is not wanting to take responsibility for ending the food distribution program, but rather wants the Optimist Club to pull out. The Optimist Club would like to see this assistance continued to students and their families. This issue is now being taken to the school board for resolution.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 11:00 am in the old County Commissioner's Room.

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of February 8, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the February 8, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions March 14, 2024

A motion to approve the March 14, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Next meeting is April 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord. Discussion about concerns of what is to become of the MCSSA District II meetings. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

Allan was absent today so there were no updates available.

MCSSA Legislative Conference and Registration for April 9-10:

As of this meeting, it appears none of the board members will be able to attend this year's Legislative Conference.

Presque Isle EFSP Board meeting and Allocation Distribution:

Cynthia was present for the EFSP Board Meeting on February 29, 2024. Review and discussion of LRO clients served and allocations expended.

Allocation distribution for Phase 41:

Rogers City Baptist Church for housing and utility assistance: \$2,862

Courtesy Club for food: \$2,500

Sunrise Center for food: \$1,750

Rogers City Senior Center for food: \$1,750

Total: \$8,862

MDHHS FY 24 Budget:

Handout provided and overview of FY24 Budget discussed.

Agency Update:

Processing of Medicaid Redeterminations: February 76.02%, January 99.02%, December 99.79%, November and October 100%

Julie provided an update regarding staffing shortages for Cheboygan-Presque Isle and how that impacted our ability to assist Wayne County CPS with their staffing allocation shortages. In short, a total of 5 CPS workers from BSC1 were recruited to assist Wayne County CPS. Due to the staffing shortages Cheboygan-Presque Isle is experiencing, no CPS workers were drafted to assist Wayne County. However, our counties may be asked to assist our surrounding DHHS counties with CPS cases should they become overwhelmed given their assistance to Wayne County.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Update regarding the struggles the Optimist Club is having in working with Rogers City Elementary School for food distributions to 24 students at the Elementary School. The issue was taken to the school board and a decision is pending about the future of the food distribution.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of March 14, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the March 14, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions April 11, 2024

A motion to approve the April 11, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Next meeting is April 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord. Discussion about concerns of what is to become of the MCSSA District II?

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

Allan was absent today so there were no updates available.

NEMCSA Resources:

Handout resource information about the various NEMCSA programs available to assist citizens of Presque Isle County. Board members encouraged to share within their community networks.

Agency Update:

Processing of Medicaid Redeterminations: March 84.55% which is below the new expectation level of 90%. February 99.25% which is above the expectation level of 95%. January 99.35% which is slightly below the expectation level of 100%.

Julie provided an update regarding staffing for Cheboygan-Presque Isle. A new Foster Care Worker (FC Worker) began 3-18-24 and a new Children's Protective Services Worker (CPS worker) begins 4-29-24. That leaves us short 2 CPS workers and 1 FC worker. A requisition to fill the Emergency Services Worker (ES Worker) position is scheduled for 5-6-24.

Correspondence:

Shared the MCSSA dues receipt as having paid \$909.

Round Table:

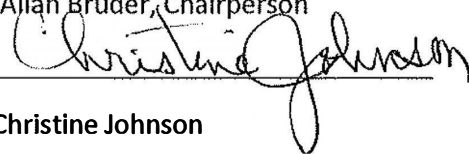
Chris provided an update regarding the Optimist Club's continued struggle with Rogers City Elementary regarding the continuation of food distribution to 24 students. The school board reported they took it to their attorneys and were reportedly advised to discontinue the distribution. The remainder of food was donated to Alpena and the Optimist Club will be asking Awaken Credit Unit whether they want the \$2,000 balance returned or whether they want that money donated to another Optimist project.

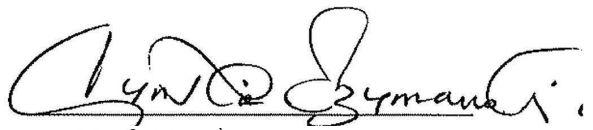
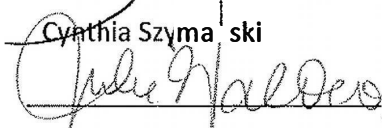
The Board Members reported that Bridget LaLonde, County Treasurer, has resigned her position with the county and has accepted a new position with the schools. It is unknown at this time who will be completing the DHHS monthly budget reports.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Allan Bruder, Chairperson


Christine Johnson


Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of April 11, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the April 11, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions May 9, 2024

A motion to approve the May 9, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

Allan Bruder Update:

Julie shared that Allan is continuing to experience health issues and that he has resigned from his position as MCSSA Vice President and from the Legislative and Education/Development Committees. Although he regretted having to do so, he also stated his intention to resign from the Presque Isle DHHS Board. After discussion, it was agreed that Allan would remain on the board for the months of May and June to see if his health improved. If it doesn't, he will provide me his written resignation late in June.

Allan also agreed to forfeit his salary for the months of May and June since he would not be an active member on the board. Julie contacted the County Clerk, Ann Marie Main, to share that information and Allan provided her a written statement to that effect.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Chris and Julie both attended the MCSSA District Meeting on April 25, 2024. Shared information with Cynthia about the School Success presentation by NEMCSA which was very informative. MCSSA District elections were held and filled as follows:

Naomi Deo, President

Tina Smigelski, Vice President

Theresa Collins, Secretary

Bobbie Cornell and Don Bartosch as Co-Treasurer

Next meeting is July 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

Allan has resigned as Vice President of the MCSSA as well as from the Legislative Committee and Development and Education Committee.

Julie provided Chris and Cynthia the MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter for May and highlighted important information for review and discussion during the meeting.

Agency Update:

Processing of Medicaid Redeterminations: April 84.39%, March 99.47%, February 99.80%, January 99.67%.

Update given regarding staffing vacancies: 1 ES position posting to become in effect 5/6/24, 1 FC vacancy filled 3/18/24 with that worker in training and 1 FC vacancy yet to fill. 1 new CPS worker began today with 2 CPS vacancies to fill. Due to the staffing crisis we are in, our two counties are the first to be approved for FTW assistance similar to the support being provided to Wayne County. I am hopeful that our staffing crisis will be relatively short-term.

Julie shared information regarding Employee Engagement Activities that continue throughout the year to keep staff engaged and enthusiastic as they are recognized for the hard work they do, are provided opportunities for continued professional growth, are supported in the work they do, and participate in fun networking activities with management and co-workers.

Julie also shared information about the fun ways management was demonstrating their appreciation to staff each day of Public Service Recognition Week.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Chris shared the Optimist Club ended up donating their remaining food to the Food Bank in Alpena and they are also trying to get the balance of their money back from the food commodity but they need a letter from the principal at the Rogers City Elementary School. Apparently, he seems to be avoiding putting in writing that the school is withdrawing from this service.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Allan Bruder, Chairperson

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES June 13, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of May 9, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the May 9, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions June 13, 2024

A motion to approve the June 13, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Next meeting is July 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

Allan has resigned as Vice President of the MCSSA as well as from the Legislative Committee and Development and Education Committee

Julie provided Chris and Cynthia the MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter for June and highlighted important information for review and discussion during the meeting.

Agency Update:

Processing of Medicaid Redeterminations: May 79.47%, April 99.29%, March 99.76%, 100% for all previous months. The MDHHS press release dated 5/24/24 regarding the statewide progress of Medicaid Redeterminations was also shared and discussed.

Julie also shared a MDHHS press release dated 6/6/24 regarding a new illicit drug, Medetomidine, that is also now responsible overdose deaths. Medetomidine is considered more potent than Xylazine. Both are veterinary tranquilizer drugs.

Handle with Care data for Presque Isle not received for the end of the school year.

Update given regarding staffing vacancies: 1 FC vacancy filled 3/18/24 and 1 FC vacancy yet to fill. 2 new CPS vacancies recently filled with those workers still in training and 1 CPS vacancy to fill, 1 ES position filled as a promotion from GOA effective 6/24/24. That starts the clock for her fill behind GOA position to be posted in 90 days. Given the hard work completed by the child welfare staff, we have been able to keep them in caseload compliance and have not had to ask for our neighboring counties to assist.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Chris reported the Optimist Club did get the balance of their money returned from the food bank. They were checking with Awaken Bank to see if they wanted the \$1,600 donated funds given back to them or whether they wanted the Optimist Club to put those funds towards another project.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Allan Bruder, Chairperson

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron, Allan Bruder absent

Public Comments:

None

Approval of June 13, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the June 13, 2024 Minutes was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions July 11, 2024

A motion to approve the July 11, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Next meeting is July 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in Gaylord.

MCSSA Vice President/Legislative Committee/Development and Education Committee Updates:

MCSSA Newsletter not released since the June edition.

MDHHS FY25 Budget:

Julie provided the budget for FY25 for review and discussion took place.

State Appointed DHHS Board Member:

Allan Bruder's written resignation dated 7/1/24 was reviewed. Cynthia and Chris were both saddened to accept this resignation as Allan has provided a wealth of knowledge and common sense to the board for many years. Cynthia made a motion to accept the resignation. Chris supported. Motion carried.

Previous County Commissioner, Nancy Shutes, has expressed interest in filling the state appointed board vacancy and she has been provided an application. Nancy will be submitting her application directly to Director Haywood's office. Once appointed, Nancy will fill the term until November, 2027.

It is hoped that Nancy will be appointed in time for the August Board Meeting.

MiSEP Federal Oversight Progress:

A written release was shared with the board regarding the significant and sustained improvements that have been made in protecting children and keeping families safe together. The Department met required performance standards in 6 of 28 areas and were within 10% of meeting the standard in 3 additional areas. Key areas of improvement included: meeting adoption caseload standards, keeping sibling groups together when entering care, ensuring sibling visitation if separated, ensuring timely completion of medical and mental health exams, and providing support to foster youth transitioning into adulthood.

Agency Update:

Processing of the Public Health Emergency Medicaid Redeterminations are being wrapped up. Our Geo Group did amazingly well processing these redeterminations!

Staffing update: 1 CPS worker recently completed Pre-Service Training, 1 CPS worker will complete Pre-Service Training late July, and an offer has been made to fill the 3rd CPS vacancy. This will be a Presque Isle position and our CPS unit will be fully staffed at that time. There remains 1 FC vacancy that may or may not be filled depending on caseload sizes and new staffing allocations to be released hopefully by late fall.

Written information was shared and reviewed regarding the availability of free gun locks through MDHHS offices and Michigan State Police as efforts continue to focus on keeping kids safe.

Correspondence:

Allan Bruder's resignation dated 7/1/24 was discussed under State Appointed DHHS Board Member.

Round Table:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of July 11, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the July 11, 2024 Minutes was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions August 8, 2024:

A motion to approve the August 8, 2024 agenda was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports. The local county budget report was not available at the time of the board meeting and will be reviewed next month.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Chris attended the July 25, 2024 meeting in Gaylord and reported the following:

- Treasurer is Don Bartosch with Bobbie Cornell as 2nd signer
- Secretary is Theresa Collins
- President is Naomi Deo
- Vice President is Tina Smigelski
- Change of date for election of officers to October beginning October, 2025
- By-Laws were distributed and updates made. These will be made available for review at the next meeting
- MCSSA dues will be increasing
- \$250 Scholarships each awarded to two students from Alpena
- Donations being accepted from each county for the MCSSA Silent Auction. Donations should be representative of your county
- Alcona/Iosco is close to becoming a MCSSA member
- Time of MCSSA District II Meetings is changed back to 1:00pm. The next meeting is Thursday, October 24th at 1:00pm in Gaylord

MCSSA Annual Conference/Business Meeting registration due by 8/15/24:

Distributed and reviewed the conference registration. Board members were encouraged to coordinate with Ann Marie Main no later than Friday, August 9th for submission of their registration and payment by the due date.

MCSSA Up to the Minute:

Distributed the July Up to the Minute Newsletter and discussed highlights of the newsletter. Bob VanderZwaag is now the acting Vice President to fill behind Allan Bruder's vacancy with MCSSA.

MiThrive Photovoice Project:

Distributed information about the MiThrive Photovoice Project. This project gives voice in a community assessment by submitting photos and telling a story about what makes your community a great place to live or where are there areas that can be improved. Instructions about how to submit these recommendations were included with the deadline for submission by September 6, 2024.

CPS Audit Follow Up:

A DHHS release was shared regarding the CPS Audit 5 years post the 2018 scathing audit. The audit identified areas of improvement and also identified continued areas for growth. Director Hertel responded with a harsh response letter acknowledging there were legitimate areas for growth, however, felt the audit focused more on process and paperwork rather than efforts to make kids safer and families stronger.

Agency Update:

PHE:

Julie shared information regarding the PHE (Public Health Emergency) Wrap-up. Highlights included:

Michigan was one of the top three states for putting an effective process together for ensuring the Medicaid Redeterminations were completed as required.

There are 3 million individuals per month on Medicaid with 1.02 million of these individuals being children.

1.3 million Medicaid Redeterminations needed to be reviewed.

Only 4,504 Medicaid Redeterminations remained statewide for completion as of July 23rd.

Staffing Update:

Two new CPS workers have recently completed new worker training and are able to start taking cases on a more limited basis so as to not overwhelm them. One new CPS worker has recently begun new worker training. This puts us at full staffing for CPS and only 1 vacancy for foster care that Julie is intentionally holding until staffing allocations are released.

State Appointed Board Member:

Nancy Shutes applied to the position but has not yet received a response. Another Director very recently shared that their state appointed board member had not yet received an application to renew. Apparently, there is a new application process for state appointed board members that soon will be released statewide.

Grief and Bereavement Support Resources:

Julie shared a DHHS release sharing information about a statewide system to address the critical need for support following the death of a mother or infant and to provide linkages to ongoing support for grieving families, health care professionals, and community members. Support and resources can be referred by calling 211.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Julie shared information about Life Jacket Stations that are becoming available in some communities. These Life Jacket Stations are located at beaches, and other common swimming areas, and offer free life jackets for families to borrow for the day and then return. Some communities are also offering life jacket exchanges where families can donate a life jacket their child has grown out of and then receive a donated one that now fits their child.

Presque Isle has had two child drownings in recent years. Julie was wondering if this may be a project of interest for the Optimist Club. Christine planned to take this information back to the club for consideration.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 11:00 am in the OLD County Commissioner's Room.

Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of August 8, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the August 8, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions September 12, 2024:

A motion to approve the September 12, 2024 agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Time of MCSSA District II Meetings is changed back to 1:00pm. The next meeting is Thursday, October 24th at 1:00pm in Gaylord

MCSSA Annual Conference/Business Meeting registration status:

Neither Board Member is able to attend this year.

MiThrive Photovoice Project Follow-Up:

Neither Board Member was aware of any Photovoice submissions for Presque Isle County.

Agency Update:

Julie shared there are multiple approval signatures required for a DHHS board member candidate. Nancy Shutes application is somewhere in that approval process and hoping to hear back soon.

Julie also shared information about the GetSetUp Classes which are on-line learning classes for older adults to support active aging and independence. Goals are to enhance mental, physical, and social well-being for this population. There are more than 5,000 on-line classes to choose from.

Correspondence:

None

Round Table:

Chris reported that Awakon Credit Union gave permission for the Optimist Club to donate the remaining funds from the back-pack project that Rogers City Elementary terminated. The Club subsequently donated the remaining funds to help support start-up school supply costs for 317 elementary students grades K-5.

Chris plans to present, to the Optimist Club, the idea of establishing Life Jacket Stations at beaches and other common swimming areas that allows families to borrow a life jacket for the day and then return them. Also, the possibility of hosting a life jacket exchange where families can donate a life jacket outgrown by their child in exchange for one that now fits.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES October 11, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of September 12, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the September 12, 2024 Minutes was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions October 11, 2024, 2024:

A motion to approve the October 11, 2024 agenda was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

Time of MCSSA District II Meetings is changed back to 1:00pm. The next meeting is Thursday, October 24th at 1:00pm in Gaylord. MCSSA President, Dr. Grenae Dudley, and a representative from the Fredrickson Group will be attending our meeting.

EFSP Board Meeting October 28, 2024 at 10:00am:

Reminder of the next EFSP Board Meeting date, time (noted above), and location (County Commissioner's Room). This meeting is scheduled to review spending for our local recipients.

Presque Isle Coalition Update:

Project Connect will be held on October 14, 2024 from 12-3pm at St. Paul Church in Onaway. Project Conned will also be held on October 17, 2024 from 12-3pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers City. Food trucks are confirmed for both events. Volunteers needed to assist.

The Rogers City Mayor and State Senator Representative are interested in bringing outdoor Naloxone boxes to businesses and locations especially in the more rural areas.

Agency Update:

Julie shared the application for Nancy Shutes, as the Presque Isle DHHS state-appointed board member, has been denied. Brain-storming took place to consider other possible qualified community members. Outreach is planned by board members.

Correspondence:

The MCSSA annual dues Invoice dated October 2, 2024 and for the amount of \$909 was reviewed. Chris made a motion to approve payment of the \$909 MCSSA annual dues invoice. Cynthia seconded. Motion carried.

Round Table:

N/A

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:00 am in the old County Commissioner's Room.

Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES November 21, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of October 11, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the October 11, 2024 Minutes was made by Cynthia, seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions November 21, 2024:

A motion to approve the November 21 agenda was made by Cynthia with the meeting date corrected from November 14, 2024 to November 21, 2024., seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

The board was provided and reviewed various monthly reports.

MCSSA District II Meeting Update:

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The presentation focused a great deal on advocacy for our board members to become active with MCSSA at the state level.

Next year's MCSSA Conference will be held September 15, 16, and 17 and will be at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Both Cynthia and Christine were very impressed by the "dynamite" work that Dr. Grenae Dudley and Danielle Sirianna do.

MCSSA Up to the Minute Newsletter:

High level overview of the newsletter discussed.

EFSP Board Meeting October 28, 2024 at 10:00am:

Both Cynthia and Christine were in attendance at the EFSP Board Meeting on October 28, 2024 to review spending by our local recipient organizations. That review found the LROs to be on track with spending and our board members were pleased to hear that the Senior Center closely monitors the grocery shopping distribution to ensure goods are available for all in need.

Presque Isle Coalition Update:

The Rogers City Mayor and State Senator Representative, Rob Pallarito, were in attendance for the Drug Free Coalition and are interested in the work being done. Discussion took place about locations and businesses to place Naloxone boxes at especially in the more rural areas.

The Youth Coalition has 10 students participating in Posen. They attended leadership camp and 2 of the students have been certified to teach 5th graders about peer skill development. In September, they also recognized Recovery Month and increased awareness by wearing logo represented T-shirts and then answering student questions around them.

Additional awareness opportunities happened during football games where they added substance use awareness stickers to popcorn bags sold at the snack bar. They are also planning bingo and corn hole events to keep students positively engaged with one another through activities.

Political Swing:

Written information shared and discussion about the swing from democratic control to republican control at the national and state levels which may impact support to vulnerable citizens.

Open Meetings Act:

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Agency Update:

Chris provided the state appointed board member applications, along with board member roles and responsibility information, to 2 individuals she believes would be good candidates for the DHHS board. She will follow up with them next week to see if they have followed through in submitting their applications to Lansing for review.

Julie reported she has not received any further information about staffing allocations other than it could be closer to January before they are released.

Correspondence:

N/A

Round Table:

N/A

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 11:00 am in the County Commissioner's Room.

Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary

PRESQUE ISLE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES December 12, 2024

Members Present:

Cynthia Szymanski, Christine Johnson, Julie Waldron

Public Comments:

None

Approval of November 21, 2024 Minutes:

A motion to approve the November 21, 2024 Minutes was made by Chris, seconded by Cynthia. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda/Additions December 12, 2024:

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Agency Update:

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Correspondence:

N/A

Round Table:

N/A

Next Meeting:

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Chairperson- vacant

Christine Johnson

Cynthia Szymanski

Julie Waldron, Secretary