

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, December 8, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Courthouse Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson
Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: Frank Leone

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board

Visitors: Scott Macy, Director AMCAB
Cliff Arntzen, Director Action Housing

- I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. There was no public comment. The minutes of the November 10, 1980 meeting were approved as written.
- II. The board reviewed a brochure developed by the Unemployment Study Committee identifying various service agencies which may be helpful to unemployed people. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the board authorized \$50 to help pay the cost for the initial 5000 copies. The board also authorized up to \$218 to purchase an additional 5000 copies if needed.
- III. Scott Macy and Cliff Arntzen discussed the benefits derived from the Title XX funds allocated to Action Housing. Without this money, the winterization services would be significantly reduced. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board recommended continued funding of Action Housing. This recommendation will be forwarded to Mike Miketinac.

- IV. Mr. Macy presented information regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. AMCAB will concentrate on serving people on the western side of the county. The Department of Social Services will concentrate on the eastern part of the county and will also review eligibility for current D.S.S. clients.
- V. David Berns noted that CETA has taken action on the proposed Job Club Contracts. The contracts are written, and were sent to Dr. Dempsey for final approval. CETA has tentatively rejected the request to include rental fees for video tape equipment. This is contrary to their original position and may be reconsidered in the near future.
- VI. David Berns presented an update on the 1980 and the 1981 county budgets. The year end report will be presented at the January meeting.
- VII. The Board reviewed a report from the Adult and Family Services Committee of MCSSA. The legislature has eliminated funding for most Basic Family Services. This means that services for hundreds of Marquette County residents may be reduced or eliminated. Marquette County was previously allocated 5.5 positions to perform these duties. Their fate is yet to be determined.
- VIII. Three employees from Marquette County D.S.S. and two from the Michigan Employment Security Commission toured the Employment Programs in Kent County. New and innovative approaches to helping clients get jobs were explained. A special emphasis will be made in the next few months to improve employment programs for ADC-U recipients. The Board of Social Services was advised of the possibility of a request for local funding for portions of the project.
- IX. The Board reviewed several reports including the monthly county hospitalization report, the support collections report, the audit of the Youth Substance Abuse Project and the Volunteer Service Newsletter.

- X. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Spouse Abuse Shelter Project, a letter from Sheila Ording regarding MCSSW travel expenses, a letter from the Board of Commissioners regarding budget training, a memo regarding Foster Parent recruitment, and a large packet from MCSSA. No action was required.
- XI. It was noted that the Board reorganization and the scheduling of the 1981 Board meetings would wait until the new Board member is named. This is expected to take place on Wednesday, January 7, 1981.
- XII. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 1981 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Courthouse Annex. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

January 7, 1981
DATE

David A. Berns
David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County
Board of Social Services

James Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

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Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: John P. Farrell

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Larry Beltrame, Child Welfare Supervisor

- I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. There was no public comment. The minutes of the October 13, 1980 meeting were approved as written.
- II. Larry Beltrame presented an update on the contracts and expenditures for the 1979-80 Child Care Fund. Three of the contracts are administered primarily by the Probate Court. These include the Diversion Program operated by Robert Sullivan, the Marquette Community Care Program operated by David Blome and the project Evaluation Contract conducted by Joel West. Mr. Beltrame presented information about each of these programs and expressed his satisfaction with the services provided under each contract.

Mr. Beltrame also explained the services administered by the Department of Social Services through the Child Care Fund. The biggest expense is in the area of voluntary foster care. During the 1979-80 fiscal year, 50 children were placed for an average of 23 days of care. The total cost was \$8,064.26 with the county paying one half. It is believed that this program resulted in a considerable savings to the county since court costs and attorney fees were not required.

Other services provided under the child care fund included Parent Aides for pre and post protective service cases, transportation to maintain children in their own homes, psychological services and medical care. The total cost of these services was \$6983.82 with the county paying one half of this amount. It was noted that Marquette County has a very progressive approach to early diagnosis and prevention. Marquette County's Child Care Fund has been used as a model for other counties in the State.

- III. It was noted that Marquette County has two separate contracts for parent aide services. One of the contracts as described above is funded 50% by the State and 50% by the County. This contract was approved by the Board of Social Services when the budget was submitted. The second contract funded 100% by the State amounts to \$20,925 and requires Board of Social Services approval.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board approved the contract with Child and Family Services to provide parent aides for protective services clients.

- IV. Mr. Beltrame explained the purpose and functioning of the shelter home operated by Michael and Mary Pfaffle. This home provides 24 hours emergency care for up to 21 days per child. The home has been in operation for more than 6 years and has an excellent reputation. The contract is financed entirely with State and Federal funds.

In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board approved continuation of the contract with the Pfaffle Shelter Home.

- V. The Board reviewed a memo from Mary Black, President of the Michigan County Social Services Association requesting county funding for travel for the Director and the MCSSW representative. In a motion by Betty Howe supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized county funding for the Director

and one MCSSW council delegate for all association meetings. This Authorization is limited to travel which the State is unwilling or unable to cover.

- VI. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board authorized the purchase of refreshments for the District X meeting of MCSSA to be held on December 16, 1980 at the Holiday Inn.
- VII. The Board reviewed several reports including the Monthly Work Relief Activity Report, the Monthly Financial Report, the Monthly County Hospitalization Report, the Child Support Collection Report, and the Volunteer Services Annual Report. It was noted that the Department anticipates a substantial year end balance due to recent successes in the county hospitalization program. No action was required on the reports.
- VIII. The Board reviewed several items of correspondence including.

- a. Letter from the Board of Social Services to the Mining Journal.
- b. Memo from Duane Beard regarding the 1981 Budget.
- c. Letter from Senator Mack regarding funds for Senior Citizens.
- d. Letter from Central Office reducing the per diem expense for County Hospitalization from \$228.06 to \$226.06.
- e. Memo from David Berns to Sally May regarding video tape equipment.
- f. Invitation to the Annual Christmas Party.
- g. Memo from Fred Lawless answering questions regarding the Resident County Hospitalization Program.

No action was required on the correspondence.

- IX. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully Submitted

November 12, 1980
Date

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Marquette County Board of Social
Services

James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

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Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson
Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: Rudy Cheatham

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Val White, Services Supervisor
Dan Vezzetti, Services Worker
Evelyn Rasmussen, Services Aide
Grant Larsen, MCSSW Representative

Visitors: Karen Sinder, Job Club Aide, Gwinn Community Schools
Lois Stanley, Acting Director Spouse Abuse Shelter Project

- I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The minutes of the September 8, 1980 meeting were approved as written.
- II. Grant Larsen, Chairperson of District X MCSSW thanked the Board for advancing the funds to attend the summer convention. Mr. Larsen also stated that funds have not been allocated for District meetings. The Board indicated that county funds would be made available to cover his expenses if the State did not make the payment.
- III. Lois Stanley, Acting Director of the Spouse Abuse Shelter Project presented a budget for the program. It was noted that an additional \$2396 is needed to cover the operating expenses for 1980-81. Another \$5320 is needed for

specific assistance to individuals. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board granted \$2396 to the Spouse Abuse Shelter Project. The Board also authorized Mr. Berns to issue an additional \$604 to the Shelter Project in December 1980 if sufficient funds remain in the Social Services General account at that time.

- IV. The Board reviewed a letter from Jacqueline Dault, County Hospitalization Coordinator recommending the removal of 13 accounts from the accounts receivable ledger. The total value amounted to \$18,247.36. Most of these accounts are for persons with little or no job potential. Eight are long term recipients of public assistance. In a motion by Betty Howe, approved by Marigene Richardson, the Board removed these accounts from the books.
- V. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board recommended approval of the Marquette County Diversion Program Expansion. The Board expressed its satisfaction and pleasure with the past success of the program.
- VI. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board recommended approval of the proposed Transportation Contract with Community Mental Health. The Board recommended funding for \$16,664.67. The Board further expressed its appreciation to Zone 2 for its willingness to share its excess transportation funds.
- VII. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board recommended approval of the adoption contract with Catholic Social Services.
- VIII. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board recommended approval of the proposed contract with Travelers Aide Society of Detroit.

- IX. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board took a position in opposition to the Tisch Tax Proposal. A letter will be sent to the Editor of the Mining Journal expressing the reasons for this opposition.
- X. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$125 from the special projects account to be used for socialization programs for the mentally retarded.
- XI. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson the November meeting of the Marquette County Board of Social Services was changed from Tuesday, November 11, 1980 to Monday, November 10, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.
- XII. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board nominated Lynn Emerick as a delegate to the White House Commission on Aging.
- XIII. David Berns informed the Board of Northern Michigan University's intention to close the Women's Center. Mr. Berns asked the Board for permission to become actively involved in various actions to protest this closing. The Board was advised that some of these activities will be controversial and unpopular. Mr. Berns explained that most of the adult clients of the Department of Social Services are women. Closing of the center will have an adverse effect on the Department's clients especially those most vulnerable and in need of services. The Board expressed support for the Women's Center and authorized Mr. Berns to take an active part in protesting the closure of the Center.
- XIV. Evelyn Rasmussen reported on the EPSDT Program. Use of the service has increased and missed appointments have decreased. It was noted that many clients are not interested in this service and it is very difficult to recruit

enough clients to fill the available slots. It takes considerable skill to demonstrate the value of the service to the clients and then to make certain that they follow through with the appointments.

- XV. Val White reported on the Job Club Program. CETA has tentitively approved funding for 13 job clubs for 1980-81. The total cost will be in the area of \$28,000. to \$35,000. CETA has proposed that the State of Michigan be the contractor. Subcontracts with Area School Districts should also be negotiated.

In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board recommended approval of a contract between CETA and the State of Michigan. The Board also recommended the development of subcontracts between the State and Local School Districts to operate the clubs. David Berns was authorized to negotiate the details of the contract and to sign on behalf of the Board.

- XVI. Val White reported on the need for Videotape equipment for the Job Clubs. The equipment available from the Zone Office is very old and in poor repair. It is possible to rent the equipment from a local merchant at a cost of approximately \$300. per Job Club.

CETA has suggested that the county buy new videotape equipment and rent it back to the Job clubs. Money for the rental could be included in the contract and funded by CETA. Under these arrangements the county could recover its investment written two years. The videotape materials could be used for various county functions in addition to Job Clubs.

In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board authorized the purchase of audio visual equipment amounting to approximately \$5,200. This purchase will be contingent upon the finalization of a contract

with CETA including rental fees. The Board also authorized Mr. Berns to seek a line item transfer within the Social Service general account to cover the purchase of this equipment.

XVII. The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Memo from Fred Lawless dated September 24, 1980 explaining the new Resident County Hospitalization program.
- b. Memo from Fred Lawless dated September 24, 1980 Specifying that the per diem rate for Resident County Hospitalization will be \$228.06 for Marquette County.
- c. Minutes of the District X MCSSA meeting held September 30, 1980.
- d. Copies of the Cooperative Reimbursement Contracts.
- e. Notification that the mileage reimbursement is increased to \$.2325 per mile.
- f. Letter from Lynn Emerick to Senator Mack dated September 9, 1980 regarding reduced funding.
- g. Invitation to the Board from the staff of the Marquette County Department of Social Services to attend the annual Christmas party to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 18, 1980 at the Northwoods.

XVIII. The Board reviewed various reports and statistics. No action was required.

XIX. The Board reviewed the Emergency Preparedness Plan for Marquette County. The Director is responsible for coordinating all social services public and private during a designated emergency. He has appointed Catherine Hassan to serve as the County Shelter Operations Officer during a crisis.

XX. The meeting ajourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 1980.

Oct 20, 1980
DATE

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Berns
David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County
Board of Social Services

James Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

Agenda

Marquette County Board of Social Services

October 13, 1980

4:30 p.m.

Room 177

- I. Public Comment
- II. Review of Minutes and Agenda
- III. Request for Funding from Spouse Abuse Shelter - Lois Stanley
- IV. Report on EPSDT - Val White
- V. Resident County Hospitalization Program
- VI. Contract Review: Marquette County Diversion Program
- VII. Contract Review: Adoption
- VIII. Emergency Preparedness Plan
- IX. Reports and Statistics
- X. Correspondence
- XI. Other Business (if any)

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Betty Howe, Member

Excused Absence: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

County Commissioner: Ruby Cheatham

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Julia Hadas, Volunteer Services Supervisor

Visitors: Donald Ballentine, Director Catholic Social Services

- I. The meeting was called to order by Marigene Richardson. There was no public comment. The minutes of the August 4, 1980 meeting were approved as written.
- II. Donald Ballentine presented the project Identification Contract for the Youth Substance Abuse Program. After careful review by the Board, it was moved by Betty Howe and supported by Marigene Richardson that the project be approved. This recommendation will be forwarded to Central Office. It was noted that no other agency in the county had applied for these funds. It was further noted that the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency for Marquette County is aware of this request for funding and has not objected. The secretary was directed to inform Central Office that the Board of Social Services is pleased with the services provided under this contract.
- III. Julia Hadas, Volunteer Services Supervisor for the Marquette County Department of Social Services presented information on new volunteer projects. Services will

- include Food Stamp Outreach, Volunteer Representative Payees, Adult Groups Socialization, Transportation (for limited purposes) and Case Aides. Publicity will include newsletters, brochures and mass media. The programs are slow to develop because of this county's emphasis on developing quality rather than quantity services. Emphasis is currently devoted to systems and organization rather than on recruitment. A major recruitment drive can be anticipated for the near future.
- IV. The Board reviewed a memo to the Prosecuting Attorney, Gary Walker, indicating that the cooperative reimbursement agreement for calendar year 1980 is awaiting ratification by the Board of Commissioners. It was also noted that the contract with the Friend of the Court had been approved. Negotiations for the 1981 contract will begin in the near future. The Board authorized David Berns to represent them in the upcoming negotiations.
- V. David Berns informed the Board that \$74,000 had been returned to the county commissioners in accordance with the Board's action of August 4, 1980. Sufficient funds should remain in the accounts to meet the remainder of the expenses for 1980. The proposed budget for 1981 has been approved by the Finance Committee without change.
- VI. David Berns informed the Board that the state had decided to pay most of the travel expenses for him and Grant Larsen for the MCSSA summer convention. As a result, the travel advance received from the county can be returned. In a motion by Betty Howe supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized the payment of the difference between the actual cost and the amount reimbursed by the state. This should be less than \$40.00
- VII. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson the Board authorized the payment of \$598.96 for the annual MCSSA dues.

III. In a motion by Betty [redacted], supported by Marigene Richardson, the secretary was directed to send letters to Representative Jacobetti and to Senator Mack requesting that Title XX donated funds projects be funded at the 1980 year's level.

IX. In a motion by Betty Howe supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board suggested that the Director notify work site agencies of the potential elimination of the work relief program. (Information received after the meeting has indicated that elimination of the work relief programs is no longer being actively considered.)

X. The Board reviewed reports and statistics including the monthly financial report, the Work Relief Activity Report, the Cooperative Reimbursement Statutes and the Monthly County Hospitalization Report. No action was taken on the items.

XI. The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Memo from Adolf Armbruster to the Board of Social Services regarding the Homefinding contract.
- b. Letter from David Berns to Sally Davis supporting the Senior Citizen Substance Abuse Project.
- c. Letter from the Top Drop Center to the Board of Social Services regarding possible funding.
- d. Memo from Doug Kraatz to the Board announcing the next meeting of District X MCSSA.

No action was taken on the correspondence.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 13, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Courthouse Annex. The Board requested that a brief report on EPSDT be presented at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Berns

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Marquette County
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Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

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County Commissioner: Ruby Cheatham

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Jackie Dault, County Hospitalization Coordinator

Visitors: Cliff Arntzen, Director, Action Housing
Lynn Emerick, Director, Commission on Aging

- I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The minutes of the July 14, 1980 meeting were approved as written.
- II. The Board reviewed a memo from Fred Lawless instructing local office managers to use two-thirds of the 1979-80 allocation as the estimated allocation for 1980-81. The Board reviewed another memo from Fred Lawless which classified the contract with Action Housing as low priority.
Lynn Emerick and Cliff Arntzen each described their programs and the services made possible by the donated funds contracts.
In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board decided to continue to divide the donated funds between Action Housing and the Commission on Aging according to the same ratio as used in the 1979-80 contract.

In a motion by Betty Howe, seconded by Marigene Richardson, the Board approved the contract with the Commission on Aging for \$44,609.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board approved the contract with Action Housing pending final review by the Secretary prior to forwarding to Lansing.

III. The Board reviewed recent correspondence between the County Commissioners and Judge Quinnell regarding the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract. Judge Quinnell has indicated that the contract is now written and is awaiting review by the county's Chief Accountant. The Board asked the Secretary to contact Gary Yoder to make sure that the contract receives priority attention.

IV. Jackie Dault presented the Monthly County Hospitalization Report. The net expenditures for the year amount to \$32,357.84. Another \$14,000 in payments may become due depending on the results of a Medicaid hearing. If the client is denied Medicaid, the county will become liable for these bills.

Based upon current projections, the net hospitalization expenditures for 1980 will amount to \$80,000. This is \$30,000 below the budgeted amount.

Ms. Dault presented 29 accounts to the Board for referral to a collection agency. The accounts amounted to \$67,082.19. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board authorized the Director to refer the accounts to a collection agency pending his

final review and approval. All accounts will be submitted to Superior Adjustment, Inc. due to their past record of success and experience.

Ms. Dault also presented material regarding a recently deceased recipient. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized the Director to make a claim in Probate Court against the client's estate.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized the Director to make a claim in Probate Court against the Estate of any deceased County Hospitalization recipient.

V. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board made the following comments regarding the proposed homefinding contract with the Foster Parents Association:

1. It is hoped that the Homefinding contract will take at least the same percentage decrease in funding as the local donated funds contract.
2. It is hoped that a concise, easily read summary of the program's annual evaluation will be submitted to the county.
3. What assurance do we have that the program is effective? Is there a follow-up to make sure that the program is being effectively utilized?

VI. James Dompierre and Marigene Richardson each returned checks for \$20.15 from Republic Airlines. These checks were issued as rebates for unused portions of the Airline Tickets purchased by the county.

VII. The Board received an update on the 1979-80 budget and the 1980-81 budget. It was noted that the Department would probably not need the second half allocation of funds for 1979-80. As a result, the Board authorized the

Director to return up to \$84,167 to the county. This amount could be less based upon the findings of the current budget study.

David Berns reported on his meeting with the Finance Committee held on July 30, 1980. The county controller has recommended approval of the budget as requested. It is hoped that the Department will receive \$147,000 in the General Account and \$22,000 in the Child Care Fund Sub Account. The county commissioners have not decided whether to place the State Ward Chargeback in the Department's budget or in the Probate Court budget. In any event, this should amount to slightly over \$200,000.

- VIII. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board authorized payment for one additional day's expenses for David Berns and Grant Larsen to attend the Summer MCSSA Convention.

The Board delayed action on the proposed revisions to the MCSSA Constitution.

The Board supported the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee except for Resolution #80-44 on Volunteer Services. The Board feels that these services should be provided on a state-wide basis.

- IX. The Board reviewed several reports including the Monthly Financial Report, the Monthly Work Project Report, the Annual Adult and Family Services Committee Report, and the Cooperative Reimbursement Report. No action was necessary.

- X. The Board reviewed the following correspondence not previously mentioned:

1. Memo from Helen Burton to David Berns regarding the Spouse Abuse Questionnaire.
2. Attorney General Opinion stating that a County Social Services

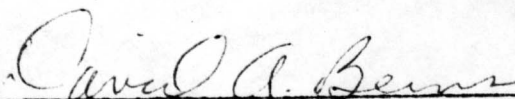
Board Member is barred from serving as a delegate to a county, state or national political party convention.

3. Memo from Angeline Gingrass to William Jewell describing cooperative efforts with local labor unions.
4. Memo from Fred Lawless to David Berns assigning him to a sub-committee to study the Central Administration of the Michigan Department of Social Services. The task will require Mr. Berns to be away from the office for up to six days during the next month.

XI. David Berns reported that Sheila Ording has been appointed as the Zone Manager to supervise the eight Western U.P. counties including Marquette.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 8, 1980, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Berns, Secretary
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Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Carol Spitz, Office Manager, Marquette County DSS

Visitors: Scott Macy, Executive Director, AMCAB
Cliff Arntzen, Director, Action Housing

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The agenda was modified to allow immediate discussion of the donated funds contracts for 1980-81.

Scott Macy asked the Board to develop rating criteria for allocating donated funds. At the present time, we do not have firm grounds for comparing the relative merits of the proposals. Mr. Macy suggested that the criteria should include the impact on low income people and the emphasis on basic needs.

Since no decision has been made on the total allocation to the county, it is impossible to make a firm commitment on the level of next year's funding. The Board suggested that Action Housing could complete their proposal for either the amount of last year's contract or increase the request to the actual amount needed for administration of the program. If the latter

option is selected, Action Housing should notify David Berns at the earliest possible date.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board instructed the Secretary to send letters to Senator Mack and to Representative Jacobetti asking that funding for donated funds be continued at the same level as 1979-80.

- II. Carol Spitz addressed the Board regarding the impact of collective bargaining on county operation. It was noted that as many as four bargaining units may be represented in the local office. This could mean four separate contracts for the local director to administer.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board instructed the Secretary to ask Dr. Dempsey for an update on the progress of the collective bargaining for the Human Service Unit.

- III. Carol Spitz also reported on the adequacy of the current office space and phone systems. It was reported that ninety-two persons are housed in the present quarters. Several staff are stationed in the hallways and several others are packed into very crowded quarters. Additional phones cannot be added without adding more circuits.

Based on minimal caseload growths between now and October 1, 1980, we need eleven more assistance payments workers, 5.5 more service workers, 4.5 more clerks, and seven more supervisory or administrative personnel. Since we are already overcrowded, we are in desperate need of additional office space.

- IV. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the minutes of the June 9, 1980 meeting were approved.

V. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board approved the expenditure of county funds to send the MCSSW representative to the annual summer convention. These expenses will be paid according to the established state rates.

VI. The Board discussed the other arrangements for the MCSSA convention. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the voting delegate will be James Dompierre and the alternate will be David Berns.

Board members will make their own travel and lodging arrangements for the convention.

Discussion of the proposed constitution and of the resolutions was tabled until the next meeting.

It was noted that David Berns intended to maintain his membership on the Adult and Family Services Committee. The Board members are still considering which, if any, committees they wish to join.

VII. In regards to the County Hospitalization Program, it appears that the Department of Public Health has sufficient funds to continue the Act 339 funding until April 1, 1981. It is unknown if the actions of the Marquette County Board of Social Services were a direct cause of this action, but it was speculated that the challenge on the basis of the Headley amendment may have influenced the decision.

It appears that no further action is required until such time as the Board is again notified of an exhaustion of Act 339 funding.

VIII. The Board reviewed various reports and statistics including the Monthly County Hospitalization Report, the Monthly Financial Report, and the Report of Support Collections.

It was noted that support collections are up 13% from last year. The Friend of the Court still has not submitted a contract for this year. In a phone call from Richard Powell, Support Collections Supervisor, the Director was informed that Marquette County is on the verge of losing up to \$80,000 per year in incentive pay and contract monies due to the county's failure to submit an acceptable proposal. The county can ill afford to lose this money in light of the current economic conditions. The Board of Social Services recommends that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners take immediate action to prevent the loss of these funds.

- IX. The Board reviewed material related to the 1980-81 budget. It was noted that the county controller has accepted the budget without change. The Director will meet with the Finance Committee on July 30, 1980 for the budget hearings.

State ward chargeback expenses previously paid by the Probate Court will probably be transferred to the Department. In a phone call from the Central Office, the Director was informed that these charges will increase dramatically during the next year. Based on the new estimates, these charges will amount to \$201,245.88 during 1981. The local department has only minimal effect on the amount of these charges. Duane Beard will be provided with the new estimates.

Regarding this year's budget, a memo from Duane Beard indicated that the county will reclaim all unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year. Based on current usage, several thousand dollars could be returned on December 31, 1980 unless unexpected expenses are incurred in the County Hospitalization Program.

X. The Board reviewed several items of correspondence including the following requiring special mention:

1. A letter was received from CUPPAD formally notifying the county that Child Care and Basic Grant Planning will no longer be available for the year beginning October 1, 1980. As a result, Probate Court and the Department of Social Services will need to write their own plans for next year.

A cooperative grant may be entered into with Delta County to fund the 4-H Challenge Program for \$1,000 from the Basic Grant monies. A description of the agreement will be submitted to the Board as soon as it is developed.

2. A letter was sent from David Berns to Elizabeth Newsome in support of an AMCAB proposal to provide nutrition services. The Board expressed their hope and concern that this would not be a duplication of existing services.
3. The Board reviewed a recommendation from MCSSA to include volunteer services as a discussion item at one of their meetings. Julia Hadas was invited to attend the next meeting to discuss volunteer services in Marquette County.

XI. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board changed the date of their next meeting from August 11, 1980 to August 4, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

7/16/80

David A. Berns
David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County
Board of Social Services

James Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice-Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

Marquette County Board of Social Services

Agenda

July 14, 1980

4:30 p.m.

Room 177, Court House Annex

- I. Public Comment
- II. Consideration of Agenda and Minutes
- III. The Impact of Collective Bargaining: Carol Spitz
- IV. Report on the Adequacy of Our Office Space and Phone Systems: Carol Spitz
- V. Donated Funds Contracts for 1980-81: (Action Housing and the Commission on Aging have been offered the opportunity to address the Board)
- VI. Request for Grant Larsen to Attend the MCSSW Convention at Board Expense
- VII. Discussion of Material for the Summer Convention
 1. Designation of Voting Delegate
 2. Committee Assignments
 3. Proposed Constitution
 4. Resolutions
- VIII. Update on County Hospitalization Program
- IX. Review of Reports and Statistics
- X. Review of Correspondence
- XI. Other Business (if any)

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, June 9, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson
Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: Sally May

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Jackie Dault, County Hospitalization Coordinator
Niki Richardson, Day Care Specialist

Visitors: Ursula Ryoti, Substance Abuse Director
Marquette General Hospital
Patricia Jean Tikkanen, Substance Abuse Coordinator
Marquette County Health Department
Diane Vezina, Social Worker
Marquette General Hospital
Don Grisham, Assistant Administrator
Marquette General Hospital

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The agenda was modified to allow immediate discussion of the County Hospitalization Program.

Don Grisham, Assistant Administrator of Marquette General Hospital, opposed recent changes to the County Hospitalization Rules. The concerns of the hospital are summarized in his letter, dated June 6, 1980. A copy of this letter will be retained as part of the minutes of this meeting.

Pat Tikkanen, Substance Abuse Coordinator for the Marquette County Health Department, objected to language in the rules which discriminated against substance abuse patients.

Pat Micklow, Chief Civil Counsel for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, provided a legal opinion that the County Social Services Board may deny payment for the first three days of hospitalization for substance abuse. A copy of her opinion shall become part of the minutes of this meeting.

It was the concensus of the Board to maintain the County Hospitalization Rules as amended on May 9, 1980. The Director was instructed to monitor the requests for such County Hospitalization and to report to the Board if additional action became necessary.

- II. Niki Richardson, Day Care Specialist for the Department of Social Services, summarized proposed changes to the rules governing day care benefits for clients who participate in independent education or training programs.

Ms. Richardson indicated that as many as fifty clients faced cancellation of these benefits in Marquette County. Several others would be denied in September when they returned for the fall semester at Northern Michigan University.

In order to minimize the negative effects of these changes, Marquette County Department of Social Services will take the following actions:

1. Each case cancelled or denied on this basis will be reviewed to determine if the training could and should be sponsored by an agency such as CETA, WIN or DSS. Those cases eligible for sponsorship will be referred to the appropriate agency.
2. The local office will work with other agencies such as the Women's Center and the community schools to organize a babysitting exchange.
3. Individualized alternatives will be explored in depth with clients who are unable to meet their day care needs through the above methods.

A meeting of clients and agencies will be held on July 2, 1980 to discuss these proposals.

- III. The minutes for the May 12, 1980 meeting were approved as submitted.
- IV. David Berns described the proposed cuts in the Social Services budget. In addition to the reductions in Day Care, the Department is also proposing decreases in the State supplement to SSI, and reductions in Basic Family Services, General Assistance, and ADC. The final cuts may not be known for several months. In the meantime, caseloads in Marquette County have increased 42.6% since last year. Staff has increased from seventy to ninety-one positions, resulting in severe shortages in office space. In light of the uncertainty in our budget, the Board was unable to take any action at this time.
- V. The Michigan County Social Service Association will hold it's Summer Convention from August 25 through August 27, 1980. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board authorized payment for the expenses for the Director and each Board member.
- VI. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board designated the Policy Makers Conference as a meeting. As a result, Marigene Richardson is eligible to receive per diem and travel expenses for the meeting.
- VII. Betty Howe returned a check received from Republic Airlines, Inc. for \$20.15. This money was a reimbursement for the unused portion of a ticket purchased by the county.
- VIII. The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report, the County Hospitalization Report, the AP Standards of Promptness Report, the Work Relief Report, and the Child Support Collections Report. No action was required.

IX. In addition to the previously mentioned letters, the Board reviewed correspondence from the following sources:

1. Memo from Fred Lawless dated May 21, 1980 regarding changes in the County Hospitalization law. The Board noted that the new legislation will be difficult to administer and may result in substantial increases in expense to the county.
2. Memo from David Berns to Duane Beard dated June 9, 1980 describing the accomplishments of the County Hospitalization Coordinator position.
3. Memo from David Berns to Gary Walker dated May 12, 1980 requesting a legal opinion on County Hospitalization Rules.
4. Letter from David Berns to Marquette General Hospital dated May 15, 1980 explaining the changes in the County Hospitalization Rules.
5. Memo from Doug Kraatz announcing the next District X meeting of MCSSA.
6. Memo from David Berns to Jackie Dault explaining the Board's decision on her salary schedules.
7. Letter from Bell Memorial Hospital announcing their new rate schedule.
8. Memo from Jackie Dault to the Board thanking them for reimbursement for a course in Community Organization.
9. Letter from David Berns announcing his resignation from the AMCAB Board.
10. Letter from Waino Liuha to the Board thanking them for the dinner in honor of the Adult Foster Care Home Providers. The total county cost was \$198.00.
11. Memo from Doug Kraatz describing the proposed changes in the MCSSA conference.
12. Letter from David Berns to Duane Beard dated June 5, 1980 transmitting the new agreement with CMH for family assessments. Per this agreement, \$1,833.00 is to be transferred from the Child Care Fund to CMH.

X. Central Office has notified each county that the county allocation for the donated funds contracts will be reduced by one-twelfth for fiscal year 1979-80.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board decided to spread this reduction proportionately between Action Housing and the Commission on Aging. Thus, both contracts will be reduced by one-twelfth of their total grant.

- XI. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 14, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Berns

David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County Board of Social Services

Date

James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member



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June 9, 1980

Mr. David A. Berns, Director
Marquette County Department of
Social Services
Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan 49855

IN RE: DOES ARTICLE IX, SECTION 29 (THE HEADLEE AMENDMENT) PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM TRANSFERRING PREVIOUSLY FUNDED COSTS UNDER THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM?

Dear Mr. Berns:

In your memorandum of May 12 you requested a legal opinion regarding whether or not the Headlee Amendment prohibits the state from transferring the costs of the first three days of treatment for patients admitted under the provisions of the Substance Abuse Act to the local Department of Social Services County Hospitalization Program. Without the benefit of any court interpretations of the Headlee Amendment and its implemented legislation referring to this particular problem, it is my opinion that Article IX, Section 29 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 prohibits the state from transferring these costs under the Substance Abuse Act to the County Hospitalization Program, provided the increased net cost per claim to the local unit of government exceeds three hundred dollars.

The Substance Abuse Assistance Act, Act No. 339 Public Acts 1974, as amended, requires that a person who appears to be incapacitated as a result of the use of alcohol in a public place shall be taken

into protective custody by a law enforcement officer and taken to an approved service program or emergency medical service for treatment. MCLA 325.753(1). Although Act 339 was repealed in 1978 with the adoption of the new Public Health Code, Act 368, Public Acts 1978, the essential provisions of the Substance Abuse Assistance Act were recodified in Article VI, Substance Abuse. MCLA 333.6501(1). The current Substance Abuse Act further provides that liability for the cost of treatment or transportation of a person admitted for substance abuse to an approved service program or emergency medical service is the responsibility of the person receiving treatment, or in the alternative, is payable to the approved service program from any payment received by the individual or to which the individual may be entitled "from any public or private source available to the approved service program". MCLA 333.6513(1)(2). As of April 30, 1980, the state funded the first three days of hospitalization for persons admitted for substance abuse pursuant to rules adopted by the State Department of Public Health. Since that date funding for this program by the state has apparently been exhausted. The cost of treatment beyond the initial three days has in the past been born by the County Hospitalization Program pursuant to the local board's adopted rules.

As a result of the exhaustion of state funding sources, the state no longer provides funds for the first three days of hospitalization for patients admitted under the Substance Abuse Act. On May 12, 1980, at their regular meeting, the Marquette County Board of Social Services amended Section VIII, Item A, of the Marquette County Hospitalization Policy, to state that payment shall not be made for the first three days of hospitalization for substance abuse detoxification. Since the County Hospitalization Program is funded by local funds, I find the action of the Marquette County Board of Social Services to be legally valid. The Social Welfare Act, Act No. 280, Public Acts 1939, as amended, provides at MCLA 400.66 as follows:

As to those forms of relief which are in no part financed by state or federal funds, the decision of the county or district department of social services as to the denial, granting, form and amount of that relief shall be final.

Although it is possible to argue that the Substance Abuse Act has been partly financed by state funds, authorizations for the County Social Services Board to deny payment for the first three days of hospitalization under the Substance Abuse Act is provided at MCLA 400.66a:

The several county social welfare boards shall make provision for hospitalization which is necessary and not more advantageously

provided to the recipient under other law
or provided under other sections of this
Act for every person found in their re-
spective counties under rules of finan-
cial eligibility established by the board.

Since the state had previously assumed partial financing of this program, it would appear that although hospitalization for these particular class of patients may be necessary, payment of the costs may be more advantageously provided under the Substance Abuse Act.

The question is then raised as to whether or not the recent amend-
ment to the Michigan Constitution has any impact on the ability
of the state to withdraw funding from a required state program
and potentially transfer these costs to the County Hospitaliza-
tion Program or local unit of government. Section 29 of Article
IX of the Michigan Constitution (Headlee Amendment) states in
part:

The state is hereby prohibited from reducing
the state financed proportion of the necessary
costs of any existing activity or service re-
quired of units of local government by state
law. A new activity or service or an increase
in the level of any activity or service beyond
that required by existing law shall not be re-
quired by the legislature or any state agency
of units of local government, unless a state
appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the
unit of local government for any necessary in-
creased costs.

A recent act implementing Article IX, Section 29, of the Constitu-
tion entitled Local Government - Cost of Activities or Services
Required by State, Act No. 101, Public Acts 1979, provides some
interpretation of the language of Section 29. "Existing law" means
a public or local act enacted prior to December 23, 1978, a rule
promulgated prior to December 23, 1978, or a court order concerning
such a public or local act or rule. MCLA 21.233(1). Further, the
phrase "state financed proportion of the necessary cost of an existing
activity or service required of local units of government by existing law
is defined as:

The percentage of necessary costs specifically
provided for an activity or service required of
local units of government by existing law and
financed by the state on December 23, 1978.
For purposes of this definition, necessary costs
shall not include costs required of local units
of government by an existing law which do not
exceed a de minimus cost, and costs imposed by
existing law on a local unit of government which
are recoverable from a federal or state categorical

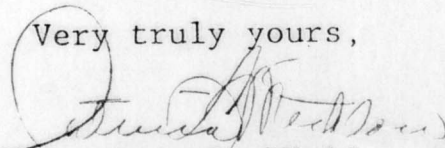
aid program or other financial aid. MCLA
21.234(3).

To further understand this definition, "de minimus cost" is defined as "a net cost to a local unit of government resulting from a state requirement which does not exceed three hundred dollars per claim". MCLA 21.232(4). Since local DSS Hospitalization Programs do not receive federal or state categorical aid assistance or other financial aid, the remaining limitation on the county's ability to require the state to continue funding this program would be based on whether or not the net cost to the county of the first three days of hospitalization under the Substance Abuse Act exceeds three hundred dollars per claim or not. If the claim exceeds three hundred dollars, the Headlee Amendment would appear to prohibit the state from reducing their financed proportion of these costs or in the alternative, require the state to provide state appropriations to pay the local units for any necessary increased costs as a result of their actions.

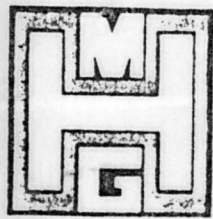
Act 101 of the Public Acts of 1979 further sets up a local government claims review board to hear and decide upon disputed claims or upon an appeal by a local unit of government alleging that the local unit has not received the proper disbursement from funds appropriated for that purpose. MCLA 21.240. Further, this Act requires the legislature to establish joint rules to provide for a method of identifying whether or not legislation proposes a state requirement as described in this Act. MCLA 21.237.

To summarize, the necessary costs incurred under the provisions of the Substance Abuse Act, which was effective September 30, 1978, cannot be transferred to local units of government (via the County Hospitalization Program) according to the Headlee Amendment, Article IX, Section 29 of the Michigan Constitution and its implementing Act, Public Act 101, Public Acts 1979. The exception to this interpretation would occur if the increased cost to the local units of governments were de minimus or less than three hundred dollars per claim. Finally, the local Social Services Board may establish through its rule making procedure pursuant to the Social Welfare Act limitations on funding for substance abuse hospitalization.

Very truly yours,


Patricia L. Micklow
Chief Civil Counsel
PLM:vlp

cc: Henry Skewis, County Clerk
Duane Beard, County Controller
Pat Farrell, Chairperson, Marquette
County Board of Commissioners



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ROBERT C. NELDBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 6, 1980

Mr. David A. Berns, Director
Marquette County Department
of Social Services
234 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Berns:

Robert C. Neldberg, Executive Director of Marquette General Hospital, referred to me a letter you sent to him on May 15, 1980. This letter outlined your agencies new policy on Denial of Payment for the first three days of hospitalization for substance abuse detoxification.

You state in the letter that you do not feel it appropriate for the State to shift responsibilities for these expenses to the County. However, by your new policy change you have in effect shifted the responsibility of these expenses to our hospital.

I feel it is discriminatory against Substance Abuse patients in the County for you to single them out and deny payment for them. You are discriminating against a single diagnosis, substance abuse. Your agencies responsibility is to provide aid to the poor and the indigent regardless of the medical diagnosis.

Your cost estimate of Act 339 patients are high. If you are referring to the first three days, the patient charge on this is between \$500 and \$700.

I realize the fiscal restraints that you must operate under. However, regardless of the future funds of Act 339, I feel your agency has a responsibility to Marquette County and the patients we both must provide for. I feel your recent policy change is inappropriate and ask your immediate and serious reconsideration of it.

Sincerely,

Don Grisham
Assistant Administrator

DG/kl

cc: Robert C. Neldberg
Executive Director

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, May 12, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Excused Absence: Betty Howe

County Commissioner: Sally May

Staff: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre at 4:30 p.m. There was no public comment.

II. The minutes for the April 14, 1980 meeting, the May 5, 1980 meeting, and the agenda for the current meeting were approved as written.

III. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board authorized the funding for the annual Adult Foster Care Recognition Dinner. It is estimated that thirty-four people will attend at a cost of \$6.60 per person. The total cost will amount to approximately \$225. The dinner will be held on May 29, 1980. The time and location will be announced later. The Board members may also attend as a tribute to the home providers.

IV. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board accepted the 1981 budget as prepared by David Berns. County Funds requested for next year include \$147,000 for the General Social Services Account, \$25,000 for the Child Care Fund, and \$161,000 for the State Ward Charge Back. Details of these requests shall be attached to these minutes.

V. It was noted that the Central Office of the Michigan Department of Social Services has supported the county's request for additional office space. The Department of Management and Budget is expected to make their own inspection of the premises and to attempt to rent an additional seven hundred square feet of office space in the Old Court House. This inspection is scheduled for May 15, 1980.

VI. David Berns noted that three thousand dollars (\$3,000) is scheduled to be returned to the county from the Child Care Fund. This money, in turn, will be appropriated to the Community Mental Health Board for use as county match to hire a psychologist to perform family assessments. This arrangement was negotiated last August, but Community Mental Health has not yet hired the psychologist. It is hoped that the person will be hired by June 1, 1980

VII. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board supported the proposed changes to the MCSSA voting structure as described in the memo dated April 8, 1980 from Chester Bielaczyc.

VIII. It was noted that the evaluation of the local office by the Area Office has been moved from August to September. The meeting between Area Office and the Board of Social Services is now scheduled for November 11, 1980 at 4:30 p.m.

IX. David Berns informed the Board that funding for substance abuse detoxification under Act 339 has been exhausted. As a result, the county could be responsible for as much as \$240,000 annually under the County Hospitalization Program. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board took the following emergency actions:

- A. Section VIII, Item A of the Marquette County Hospitalization Policies was amended to include the following statement:

"Payment shall not be made for the first three days of hospitalization for substance abuse detoxification."

A copy of the updated rules shall be attached to these minutes for future reference.

- B. The Secretary was directed to seek legal counsel from the Prosecuting Attorney to determine the following:
1. Can the State legally refuse to adequately fund Act 339?
 2. Can the county legally refuse to pay for the first three days of hospitalization for substance abuse detoxification?
- C. The Secretary was directed to contact Duane Beard and Pat Tikkanen for further advice and guidance on this subject.
- D. The Secretary was directed to notify Marquette General Hospital of the decision to modify the County Hospitalization Policies and to inform the hospital of the reasons for this action.

X. The Board reviewed several reports including the Monthly Financial Report, the Monthly County Hospitalization Report, the Cooperative Reimbursement Report, the Job and Training Placement Report, and the Standard of Promptness Report. No action was taken.

XI. The Board reviewed several items of correspondence including a notice that the Policy Makers Conference is postponed, a letter from the Bureau of Rehabilitation requesting support to prevent a scheduled reduction in their budget, a summary of the District X testimony at the Act 280 hearings, and two resolutions received from MCSSW. No action was taken on the correspondence.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 9, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex. James Dompierre suggested that the next meeting include a presentation by a staff person regarding a particular segment of the local Department of Social Services operation.

Respectfully submitted,

May 19, 1980
Date

David A. Berns
David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County
Board of Social Services

James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, April 14, 1980, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Excused Absence: Betty Howe

County Commissioner: Frank Leone

Staff Present: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Larry Beltrame, Child Welfare Supervisor

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre at 4:20 p.m. There was no public comment.

II. The minutes for the March 10, 1980, meeting and the agenda for the current meeting were approved as written.

III. Larry Beltrame, Child Welfare Supervisor addressed the Board to request financing for a mini-seminar to be held on April 23, 1980, at Northern Michigan University regarding child abuse and neglect. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$200 to defray the cost of this seminar. The Board further stipulated that contributions continue to be solicited from other sources, and if forthcoming, the county funds shall not be used.

IV. The Board reviewed the findings of the Section 504 investigation. It was noted in a memo from Duane Beard that the county intends to make the necessary

corrections. The state is responsible for the expense of the new signs required for compliance.

V. The Board reviewed tentative plans for use of office space. It was noted that we will need to convert Conference Room 177 to office space, leaving only one conference room for the office. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board asked the Director to explore the possibility of installing a sound proof, folding curtain in the large conference room. The Board also reaffirmed it's support for renting additional office space from the county.

VI. The Board reviewed and supported the new procedures for the Food Stamp Program. The new procedures, effective July 1, 1980, will require the office to be open during the lunch hour for food stamp eligibility determinations.

VII. The Board reviewed the Local Office Director Evaluation Procedures and affirmed it's willingness to meet with Bill Jewell in either September or October, 1980, for the purpose of completing the evaluation.

VIII. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board authorized payment of forty-five dollars (\$45) to cover membership dues for David Berns in the National Association of Social Workers.

IX. The Board reaffirmed it's support of the proposed contract with the Friend of the Court for the Cooperative Reimbursement Program and urged the County Commission to approve funding as soon as possible.

X. At the request of the County Director, and in a motion by Marigene Richardson, the Board scheduled a special meeting to fully discuss implications

of the proposed revisions to Act 280. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex on April 30, 1980.

XI. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by James Dompierre, the Board supported the state-wide contract with the Traveler's Aid Society of Detroit.

XII. The Board reviewed the following reports without comment:

- A. Monthly Financial Report
- B. County Hospitalization Report
- C. AP Standard of Promptness
- D. Work Relief
- E. AP Statistics
- F. Child Support Collections
- G. Marquette County DSS Annual Report

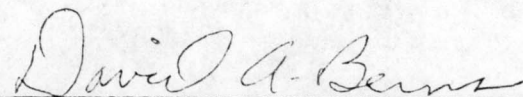
XIII. The Board reviewed the following correspondence without comment:

- A. Letter from Jaycee Auxiliary Regarding the Rental of Child Safety Car Seats
- B. Text of Award Presented by Governor Milliken of one of our Foster Homes
- C. Letter from Marquette General Regarding Rates
- D. Memo to Staff Regarding Agency Library
- E. Letter to John P. Farrell in Support of the Local Commission on Aging
- F. Letter to Dale Jamison Regarding Job Club
- G. Contempt Update Report
- H. Letter From Judge Anderegg Regarding Rates
- I. Invitation to Medical Care Facility Workshop
- J. Notification on Distribution of Outreach Magazine
- K. Press Release on the Potential Food Stamp Program Halt

XIV. It was announced that the Policy Makers Conference will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1980, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Marigene Richardson and David Berns will attend.

XV. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meetings will be held on April 30, 1980, at 7 p.m. and on May 12, 1980, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County Board of Social Services

4/16/80

Date

James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Agenda

Marquette County Board of Social Services

April 14, 1980

4:30 p.m.

- I. Public Comment
- II. Consideration of Agenda
- III. Consideration of Minutes for the March 10, 1980 Meeting
- IV. Section 504 Corrections for Handicappers
- V. Update on Office and Staffing Needs
- VI. Service Plan for Food Stamp Programs
- VII. Local Office Director Evaluation Procedures
- VIII. Request for Payment of National Association of Social Worker's Dues
- IX. Update on Negotiations for Cooperative Reimbursement Program
- X. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to Act 280
- XI. Review of Reports
 - A. Monthly Financial Report
 - B. County Hospitalization Report
 - C. AP Standard of Promptness
 - D. Work Relief
 - E. AP Statistics
 - F. Child Support Collections
 - G. Marquette County DSS Annual Report
- XII. Review of Correspondence
 - A. Letter from Jaycee Auxiliary Regarding the Rental of Child Safety Car Seats
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 - E. Letter to John P. Farrell in Support of the Local Commission on Aging

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, March 10, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson
Betty Howe, Member

Absent: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson

County Commissioner: Orville Krook

Staff Present: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board
Lyle Trombly, Acting Program Manager for Assistance Payments

I. The meeting was called to order by Marigene Richardson. The minutes of the February 11, 1980 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

II. The District X meeting of the Michigan County Social Services Association will be held on March 26, 1980. It was noted that Marigene Richardson could not attend. Betty Howe and James Dompierre also may not be able to attend.

III. The Board reviewed the proposed hiring of CETA staff to assist in the operation of the local DSS office. The Board supported this request due to the large increase in our caseloads. David Berns noted that the following new positions are scheduled to be established in the local office by May 15, 1980:

1. Social Service Aides (CETA)	4 positions
2. Clerical	2.5 positions
3. Assistance Payments	3.5 positions
4. Children's Protective Services	1 position
5. Inspector General	1 position
6. Social Work Specialist	1 position

Total new positions

13 positions

In addition to the above, the county may be eligible to receive the following positions:

- | | |
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| 1. Deputy Director | 1 position |
| 2. Combination AP/Services Supervisor | 1 position |
| 3. Adoption Worker | 1 position |
| 4. Other workers as required by caseloads | |

In light of these conditions and in consideration of the current overcrowded offices, the Board requested the Director to attempt to secure additional office space.

IV. It was noted by Lyle Trombly that morale in the office had begun to deteriorate, but that the addition of the new staff was having positive effects. David Berns noted that morale could be expected to worsen again if adequate office accommodations could not be provided.

V. The Board reviewed a request for recommended topics for future Board member training. The list prepared by MCSSA appeared to be adequate.

VI. Cooperative Reimbursement Contracts with the Friend of the Court and with the Prosecuting Attorney will be negotiated in April. Dick Powell from the Area Office and David Berns will make recommendations for final approval by Dr. Dempsey. Final copies will be submitted to the Board prior to final acceptance.

VII. The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report and the County Hospitalization Report. It was noted that the local office is staying well within the allocation provided by the County Commissioners.

VIII. The Monthly Work Relief Report was reviewed. Because of the time required to prepare the monthly summary, it was decided to prepare this only on a quarterly basis. The state mandated reports will continue to be provided to the Board on a monthly basis.

IX. The Michigan Department of Social Services will conduct public hearings on proposed revisions to Act 280, Public Acts of 1938. The hearings will be held at Northern Michigan University at the University Center on May 6, 1980 from 9 a.m. to noon. Copies of the proposed changes are available at the local Department of Social Services for review prior to the hearings.

X. The Board reviewed the AP Standard of Promptness Report (MH-340) for February, 1980. Mr. Trombly indicated that the Marquette County Department of Social Services took an average of 11 days from the date of application to the date of approval or denial of assistance. It took an average of 4 days in the Emergency Needs Program. The average Medicaid application took 38 days to process. All other programs were somewhere in between these time frames. The Board requested that this report be provided on a monthly basis.

XI. The following correspondence was reviewed:

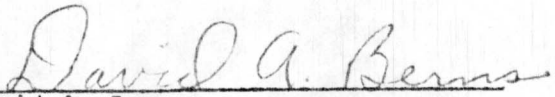
- A. Letters to Representative Kehres and to Representative Jacobetti regarding AP Staffing
- B. Letter from District I, MCSSA regarding Assosication Voting/Dues Structure
- C. Memo from Duane Beard regarding 1981 budget procedures
- D. Memo from Central Office regarding benchmark

XII. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, April 14, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex. Betty Howe has been granted an

excused absence for the April meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Date

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Berns

Approved:

Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Monday, February 11, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
 Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson
 Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: Timothy Lowe

Staff Present: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The minutes of the January 15, 1980 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Richardson noted that in Item II, the financial reports were for calendar year 1979 not 1980. The Board approved the minutes as amended.

II. The Board reviewed a study conducted to determine the waiting time required to receive food stamps in Marquette County. The study consisted of a random sample of twelve cases opened in November and December, 1979. The results are attached and will become part of the minutes.

III. The Board reviewed the official position of the Department of Social Services regarding political activities of Social Service Board members. The secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Miketinac that Marquette County Board of Social Services does not engage in any of the prohibited political activities.

IV. The Board reviewed the new negotiation procedures for Cooperative Reimbursement Contracts. It was noted that the County Director and a representative from the Title IVD Program would meet with the Prosecuting Attorney and with the Friend of the Court to work our measurable objectives for the use of funds. When

this was completed, the entire package would be presented to the Social Services Board for its review and suggestions.

V. The Board briefly reviewed the initial proposal submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney for the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract. The matter was tabled until the March meeting in order to allow for further negotiations.

VI. It was noted that a staff member of the Marquette County Department of Social Services had been convicted of contempt of Probate Court. The matter is being appealed by the Attorney General's Office. Results are not expected for several months. In the meantime, the Director has met with Judge Anderegg in an attempt to improve the Department's relationship with the Court. Several steps have been taken by the Department to reduce hostility and to improve services. In return, the Judge has agreed to call the Director whenever he has concerns about the methods or attitude of the staff. It was noted that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been very helpful and instrumental in reducing the level of conflict.

VII. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, James Dompierre was named as the voting delegate for the Mid-Winter Convention. David Berns was named as the alternate voting delegate.

The Board reviewed various proposals for modifying the membership and dues for the Michigan County Social Services Association. None of the proposals were acceptable but the Board would be willing to consider other alternatives. The secretary was directed to convey the Board's decision to the Planning and Development Committee of MCSSA.

The Board reviewed 24 resolutions to be considered at the Mid-Winter Convention. Mr. Dompierre was given guidance on the Board's preference on each resolution.

VIII. The Board reviewed a memo prepared by David Berns projecting the possible increase in staff for the Marquette County Office in the next year. It is possible that 20 additional employees could require office space. In light of these projections, Central Office has been asked to conduct a review of office utilization and to make recommendations for accommodating future staff.

David Berns described severe staff shortages in Assistance Payments and Clerical. In the service area, Marquette has been selected as the only county in the State to pilot the Social Work Specialist Position. This should help to improve basic services but Protective Services for Children is in serious need of an intake worker.

David Berns notified the Board of his intention to request three CETA positions on February 21, 1980. The Board was supportive of the decision.

IX. The Board discussed the budget procedures required by the county for the 1981 appropriation. Duane Beard estimated the Department's need at \$192,640 for 1981, of which \$161,280 would go to the General Budget and \$31,360 would go to the Child Care Fund Sub Account. These figures were very close to the Director's projections. The Board noted the organization and simplicity of the County Budgeting Procedure and complimented the County Commissioners and Duane Beard on their fine preparation.

X. The monthly County Hospitalization reports were reviewed. In January, \$4,440.48 was paid from this account and \$883.45 was reimbursed. Reimbursements were up by \$832.45 from the previous January. Berns noted that the local office had secured a redetermination from Medicaid allowing a \$12,000 bill to be paid by the State rather than by the county. This was a direct result of Jackie Dault's intervention.

The Monthly Financial Report indicated that the office is in need of cash to carry on it's local programs. The 1980 allocation has not been transferred to the account. Berns has contacted Duane Beard to request that one-half of the allocation be transferred into the Department's account.

The Monthly Work Relief Report was reviewed. When compared to counties of equal or larger size, it was noted that Marquette has the most diversified and efficient program in the State. Only the largest of counties have more work sites, more clients assigned or more savings. On a per capita basis, none of these counties could match Marquette's program.

XI. Correspondence from Duane Beard to David Hillier was reviewed, noting that the local office supply of food stamps will be kept in a locked cabinet in the Register of Deeds vault.

Karen Chubb, Executive Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, sent a list of Commissioners who will attend the Board of Social Services meetings. Each member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will attend two consecutive meetings. Orvo Krook will attend in March and April.

In partial reaction to several staff complaints regarding the filling of the Volunteer Services position, a memo from Central Office was reviewed. This memo explained why Bay County filled their position at the Public Welfare Administrator 10 level, while Marquette was required to use the Public Welfare Administrator 11 register. Most of the controversy seems to have subsided since it's been demonstrated that all of the proper hiring procedures were followed.

A listing of meeting dates for the Marquette County Board of Social Services was reviewed. This has been supplied to the County Clerk, the County Commissioners and posted in the lobby of the Department of Social Services.

Correspondence from Jay Bennetts to David Berns described the Child Welfare Programs in Marquette County and recommended a regular license. Although some corrections are necessary, it was noted that none were serious enough to constitute a violation.

The Board briefly reviewed correspondence from the Department of Treasury listing new acts of particular interest to counties.

XII. In other business, the Board reviewed copies of House Bill 5237, signed into law on December 15, 1980. This act revises the County Hospitalization Program, effective for October 1, 1980. Under it's provisions, the county will continue to set rules and determine eligibility but payments will be processed through Medicaid. The county will be required to reimburse the state at the same rate paid hospitals in 1979. Implications of this law are still unclear. A copy is attached to these minutes for future reference.

XIII. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 10, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 or the Court House Annex. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Feb. 14, 1980
Date

James Dompierre, Chairperson

Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson

Betty Howe, Member

Respectfully submitted

David A. Berns
David A. Berns, Secretary

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Marquette County
Board of Social Services

Date January 23, 1980

From: ^{D.A.B.} David A. Berns, Director

Subject: Waiting Time to Receive Food Stamps

As you suggested during our meeting of January 15, 1980, I have conducted a study of the time required for a person to receive food stamps in Marquette County. To do this, we drew a random sample of 12 cases opened in November and December. The results are summarized below.

1. Average number of days between request date and appointment date: 14.8
2. Average number of days between appointment date and approval date: 8
3. Average number of days between approval and coupon mailing: 1.09
4. Average number of days required to receive food stamps: 23.9

The shortest period to receive stamps was 5 days and the longest was 43 days. The one client taking 43 days missed three appointments, resulting in the delay in processing her request.

If a person meets the requirements for an emergency, expedited food stamps are made available within one or two days.

The biggest delay in getting stamps results from the date of request to the date when an application can be taken. The appointments are scheduled as quickly as possible, but staff shortages have resulted in the 14.8 day delay. Workers are currently exceeding their standardized workload expectations so I am at a loss for finding ways to reduce this time span.

I will continue to monitor this situation and will explore any reasonable suggestions for eliminating the problem but I am afraid that the ultimate solution will require increased staffing in our AP units.

DAB/lj

cc: William Jewell
file

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Miketinac, Manager
Area I DSS

Date February 13, 1980

From: ^{De} David A. Berns, Secretary
Marquette County Board of Social Services

Subject: Political Activities of Social Service Board Members

In our meeting of February 11, 1980, the Marquette County Board of Social Services reviewed the official position of the Department regarding political activities of Board members. It was determined that our Board does not engage in any of the prohibited practices.

DAB/lj

cc: file

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

1980 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

January 15, 1980

February 11, 1980

March 10, 1980

April 14, 1980

May 12, 1980

June 9, 1980

July 14, 1980

August 11, 1980

September 8, 1980

October 13, 1980

November 11, 1980

December 8, 1980

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
80TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1979

Introduced by Reps. Owen, Bryant and Ryan

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5237

AN ACT to amend sections 66 and 66a of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general relief, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the provisions of the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to make an appropriation; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," section 66 as amended by Act No. 237 of the Public Acts of 1975, being sections 400.66 and 400.66a of the Compiled Laws of 1970; and to add section 66i.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Sections 66 and 66a of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, section 66 as amended by Act No. 237 of the Public Acts of 1975, being sections 400.66 and 400.66a of the Compiled Laws of 1970, are amended and section 66i is added to read as follows:

Sec. 66. As to those forms of relief which are in no part financed by state or federal funds, the decision of the county or district department of social services as to the denial, granting, form, and amount of that relief shall be final, except as provided in section 66i. This section does not prevent the state department from making investigations, collecting statistics, and otherwise gaining information concerning the administration of welfare in any county or district as the state department considers advisable.

Sec. 66a. The county social welfare boards shall make provision for hospitalization which is necessary and not more advantageously provided to the recipient under other law or provided under other sections of this act for every person found in their respective counties under rules of financial eligibility established by the boards and shall be reimbursed 100% by the state for the monthly net cost of the hospitalization for nonresidents of the state. The county department, in its discretion, may direct that the patient be conveyed to the university hospital at Ann Arbor or any other hospital for hospitalization. As used in this act, "hospitalization" means medical, surgical, or obstetrical care in the university hospital or in a hospital licensed

under article 17 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being sections 333.20101 to 333.22190 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, together with necessary drugs, x-rays, physical therapy, prosthesis, transportation, and nursing care incidental to the medical, surgical, or obstetrical care, but shall not include medical care as defined in section 55. Before a patient shall be admitted except in an emergency, to any hospital other than the university hospital, a definite agreement, statement, or schedule of charges, expenses, and fees to be received by the hospital and physicians or surgeons performing necessary services under this act shall be filed with the county department of the county in which the hospital is located and approved by the county department, except as provided for in section 66i. The hospital shall, at the conclusion of the treatment, make a report of the treatment and an itemized statement of the expenses of the treatment to the county department which issued the order, but charges for special nurses shall not be made without the consent of the county social welfare director. The expenses for sending the patient home or to other institutions after being discharged from the hospital may be paid by the hospital and charged in the regular bill for maintenance unless different instructions have been received from the county department which issued the order for admission.

Sec. 66i. (1) The state department shall reimburse the hospital in accordance with established hospital reimbursement principles under title 19 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1396 to 1396k. Reimbursement will be based on eligibility information provided to the state department by the county department.

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(3) The rules of financial eligibility established pursuant to section 66a in a county required to make reimbursements under this section shall not be made less restrictive than the rules in effect in the county during the county department's full fiscal year immediately before the effective date of this section.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect October 1, 1980.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

T. Ross Thatcher

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Willa C. Londer

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved

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Governor.



Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Social Services

The Marquette County Board of Social Services met on Tuesday, January 15, 1980 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 177 of the Court House Annex.

Members Present: James L. Dompierre, Chairperson
Marigene Richardson, Vice Chairperson
Betty Howe, Member

County Commissioner: Timothy Lowe

Staff Present: David A. Berns, Secretary to the Board

I. The meeting was called to order by James Dompierre. The minutes of the December 10, 1979 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

II. The Board reviewed several financial reports for calendar year 1980. It was noted that beginning balance in the Social Service General Account was \$14,904.18. Receipts amounted to \$516,817.61 and expenses were \$503,574.17. The ending balance was \$28,147.62 in county funds remaining at the end of the year.

Figures for the Child Care Fund Sub Account showed a beginning balance of \$1,685.15 with receipts of \$17,690.13 and expenditures of \$9,921.03 for an ending balance of \$9,454.25.

It was noted that the Department was able to create several new local programs including non-matchable General Assistance, non-matchable supplementation to ADC and voluntary foster care and still finished the year with a substantial balance in the accounts. These improved services were made possible primarily through savings in the county hospitalization program.

Child support collected through the Cooperative Reimbursement Program increased from \$356,305.13 in 1978 to \$383,902.82 in 1979. This amounted to a 7 3/4% increase. This is an area which will require additional effort and cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorney and Friend of the Court.

In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board accepted the financial reports as presented.

III. In a motion by Marigene Richardson, supported by Betty Howe, the Board approved the Counseling Contract with Catholic Social Services.

IV. In a motion by Betty Howe, supported by Marigene Richardson, the Board recommended the following changes to the Board Member Handbook:

1. It should become an ongoing, updatable manual.
2. It should include a Board Member evaluation process.
3. It should include the Director evaluation material.
4. New laws related to D.S.S. should be made part of the manual.
5. It should include an outline of county responsibilities in fulfilling an affirmative action plan.
6. It should outline Board responsibilities regarding implementation of federal legislation to provide handicapped accessibility in the county office and programs.

In regard to the last item, it was pointed out that our latest inspection for accessibility found that we lack adequate signs on the outside of the building. We are waiting for the county to install the signs. Duane Beard has agreed to make the necessary arrangements. Tim Lowe stated that he would check to see when the signs would be installed.

V. The Board reviewed the County Hospitalization Report, the Monthly Financial Report, and the Monthly Work Relief and Training Report. Each was accepted as presented.

VI. The Board reviewed correspondence from David Wigent, of Central Office, regarding liability for food stamp coupons stored at the County Court House Building. No action was necessary. A letter from Patricia Tikkanen, Substance Abuse Coordinator, was read. Ms. Tikkanen stated that the Marquette County Substance Abuse Advisory Council had approved the 1980 plans for the Youth Substance Abuse Program.

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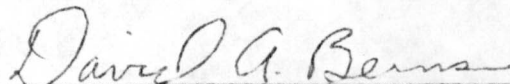
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David A. Berns Secretary

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Marquette County Board of Social Services

Agenda

Tuesday, January 15, 1980

4:30 p.m.

- I. Review of Minutes for the December 10, 1979 Meeting
- II. Year End Financial Report
 1. General Social Services Account, including County Hospitalization
 2. Child Care Fund Sub Account
 3. Cooperative Reimbursement Program
- III. Review of Counseling Contract with Catholic Social Services
- IV. Revision of the County Board Member Handbook
- V. Review of Reports and Statistics
- VI. Review of Correspondence
- VII. Other Business (if any)
- VIII. Adjournment