

The Red Lake County Welfare Board met on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 4:00 pm and adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The following Board members were present:

Allen Remick
Andy Moran
Tony Gerardy
Eric Mickelson
Anthony Flage

General Business:

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the amended agenda.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Reading of the Minutes:

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve April 16, 2025, Social Service's board meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Administrative Bills:

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the administrative bills as presented.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Informational Items:

Director Nelson asked for constituent concerns to be brought forward. No concerns were raised.

Director Nelson provided a director's summary since the previous board meeting.

Director Nelson presented the Cash Assistance and SNAP Timeliness Measure Performance Report received from the MN Human Services Performance Management System. Data selected was for CY 2024. RLCSSC met all requirements. No performance improvement plan will be required as a result. The required threshold set by the State of MN is at or above 75%. RLCSSC was at 100%.

Director Nelson reported that an offer of employment had been made to fill one of the vacant social worker positions. Unfortunately, the individual declined due to income and benefits concerns. The position will be reposted until filled. Advertising efforts were expanded to other print and online sources.

Director Nelson reported that RLCSS's allocation for BSF (Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance) was increased by \$15,029 for CY 2025.

Discussion/Decision Items:

Director Nelson reviewed a contract for Infinity Health LLC to provide summer programming for parents with children that have EIDBI needs. The contract ceiling is \$12,593 and is completely funded by a current grant allocation. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the Infinity Health LLC contract as presented.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

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Director Nelson presented the letter from AMC, MICA and MACSSA that was sent May 17, 2025, to legislative representatives detailing concerns the entities had over the proposed cost shifts to counties.

Director Nelson requested to review an additional quote from David Drown & Associates (DDA) to assist RLC to discontinue its participation in the MN Merit System due to cost factors and a lack of eligible candidates recruited by the MN Merit System in the rural areas. DDA is currently performing the county's wage review and is in the best position to assist RLC HR with the transition. The transition can take up to two years and requires a significant amount of work to discontinue operating under the Merit System. DDA is familiar with the process. It would be an additional \$5000 beyond their current contract and would be paid out of the RLCSSC's budget.

Commissioner Gerardy moved to approve the additional cost of \$5000 to work toward discontinuing use of the MN Merit System.

Commissioner Moran seconded the motion.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion prevailed all yeas and no nays.

Director Nelson requested to terminate the Medica contract for Care Coordination due to fiscal changes made by Medica which go into effect July 1, 2025. If approved, a letter would be drafted to Medica based on the Out Clause language in the current contract and forwarded to the County Attorney for final approval.

Commissioner Moran moved to terminate the Medica Care Coordination Contract contingent upon contractual language and County Attorney approval.

Commissioner Mickelson seconded the motion.

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Agency Unit Reports:

Handouts reviewed.

BE IT RESOLVED, the foregoing record is a true and accurate recording of the official actions and recommendations of the county welfare Board and as such, constitutes the official minutes thereof. Payment of assistance relief and claims indicated in those minutes is hereby ordered. The question was on the adoption of the resolution; and the roll being called there were 5 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

Allen Remick	YEA
Andy Moran	YEA
Tony Gerardy	YEA
Anthony Flage	YEA
Eric Mickelson	YEA

Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Social Services Building.

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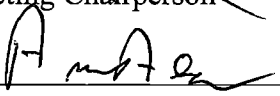
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