

RSR Human Service Zone Board Meeting

RSR Human Service Zone Board met at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. This meeting was held at Milnor Fire District and by teleconference over TEAMS. The Board members present were Lyle Bopp, Wayne Ulven, Tim Campbell, Valerie Nelson and Lynn Flieth. Present via TEAMS: Becky DeVries, Jason Arth and Brenda Wyckoff. Also present, Stephanie Cameron in-person and Tia Bopp, Sargent County Auditor, via TEAMS.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm by Lynn Flieth, Director. A motion to approve the minutes of February's meeting by Becky DeVries; seconded by Valerie Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried

Monthly Expenditures – General Assistance burials and State Recovery was briefly discussed. Wayne Ulven made a motion, seconded by Lyle Bopp, to approve the summary of March bills. Motion carried.

Financial report - Revenue is 50.97% and Expenses are 17.08%. Becky DeVries made a motion, seconded by Valerie Nelson, to approve February financial report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items for Review – Discussion – Decision:

a. Agency Updates

- i. Ransom County Board Member Vacancy: Continuing to seek a citizen representative for this board.
- ii. Personnel Update: Unexpected vacancy for a CPS worker in the Ransom/Sargent County areas. The job will be posted on 3/25 for the Forman or Lisbon office. Ideally, we would like to find a candidate in the Lisbon area.
Chelsea Flory has been named the new Director of Child and Family Services and will be starting April 15th. She is the current Director at Burleigh County Human Service Zone.
- iii. Economic Assistance updates: Due to error & timeliness rates, the state continues to be on a corrective action plan. This could impact federal funding for the SNAP program. The backlog continues to be an issue. Solutions being put in place to potentially help have been: A task force has been formed to meet weekly to prioritize changes in process to increase efficiency; authorized overtime for Eligibility Workers; temporary pause in some other efforts, allowing EW's more time to process cases.
- iv. Interim Legislative Workgroup Updates: The Director summarized efforts to enhance communication and educating across child-focused services, as well as identifying unmet needs

b. Misc:

- **Commissioner updates**: There is a vacancy on the Board for a Ransom County community member.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Chair