

**Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Three Rivers Human Service Zone 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Mandan Office  
210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW Mandan  
10:00 AM – February 19, 2026**

**Meeting Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of January 15, 2026, Minutes**

**Grievance Hearing – Complaint of Misconduct by Josh and Nicole Scherr**

**Review and Approval of February 2026 Bills**

**Budget Review**

**Zone Program Stats**

**Economic Assistance and Support Unit Updates**

## **Child Welfare Unit Updates**

### **Other**

**Items may be added or deleted from the agenda prior to or during the meeting.**

**Next Meeting: March 19, 2026 @ 10 AM, Mandan**

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**Three Rivers Human Service Zone Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Three Rivers Human Services Board Room  
Mandan  
210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW  
January 15, 2026**

**Meeting Call to Order:**

- Dennis called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

**Roll Call:**

**Mandan:** Dennis Meier, Jackie Buckley, Lori Flaten, Rose Mary Lawson, Heidi Peltz, Karen Rohr

**Absent:** Dawson Holle,

**Carson:** Marty Meyer (Phone)

**Absent:** Gerard Kraft

**Fort Yates:**

**Absent:** Ken Snider, John Pretty Bear

**Others present:** Jodie Leier (online), Mandy Garrett, Jenny Wetsch, Tracy Mertz

**Approval of Agenda**

- Jackie Buckley requested to amend the agenda to include an update to Mission Vision and Values with Jason Matthews.
- Moved by Karen Rohr to approve the agenda as amended seconded by Heidi Peltz. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2025**

- Moved by Jackie Buckley to approve the minutes from December 18, 2025, seconded by Lori Flaten. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of December 2025 Bills:**

- Lori Flaten and Jackie Buckley came early to review the bills.
- Discussed Remarkable contract payment, the windshield repair and the future purchase this year of another vehicle.
- Moved by Lori Flaten, seconded by Rosemary Lawson to approve the bills as presented. With a unanimous roll call vote the bills were approved.

Name	Roll Call	Bills Approved
Jackie Buckley	P	Y
Lori Flaten	P	Y
Rosemary Lawson	P	Y
Heidi Peltz	P	Y
Marty Meyer	P (Phone)	Y
Gerard Kraft	A	A
Ken Snider	A	A
John Pretty Bear	A	A

Dennis Meier	P	Y
Karen Rohr	P	Y
Dawson Holle	A	A

**Budget Review**

- Dennis was unable to go over the December financials as we are under yearend review and budget closing. We do know we came in under budget, but those numbers will be available later.

**Vince Gillette- Three Rivers Human Service Zone Tribal Liaison Report (Given by Dennis in Vince’s absence)**

- There are approximately 50-60 SRST foster children placed in ND foster homes that Vince helps to facilitate visits.
  - The Tribe has approximately 125+ kids in foster care, but he doesn’t know where they are all placed as they will not share that information. 25 of these placements are SD IV-E placements in paid ND Foster Care, 39 ND Tribal IV-E children and 16 IV-E placements with relatives.
  - Vince dedicates time in dealing with Medicaid payment issues for both ND and SD Foster children.
  - ND Tribes FMAP for new fiscal year 2026 rates have been released, and new contracts being sent out to be signed and returned.
  - Keeping the Culture Alive class will have the next class at the Mandan Library on January 22, 2026, from 6-8 pm. John Eagle, Sr from the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act Specialist for the ND State Historical Society will be presenting.
  - Vince continues to track the Indirect Expenses for Fort Yates for Jodie Leier to report to the state.
  - Vince did 7 Foster Care visits for SRST.
  - Vince continues to work on the project of updating the TCM (Targeted Case Management Billing). He is still working on getting the TCM for Turtle Mountain started.
  - We have been shorthanded in the foster care side, so he is helping with visits and transportation.
  - Vince will be going to Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain to help with F-Map and IV-E training.
- Karen attended the Government meeting at Standing Rock. She has been invited by Scott Davis to discuss the Resilient Pathways Workgroup in Belcourt. Karen also shared that the legislation is having a special session Wednesday through Friday regarding Expansion of Pharmacists to rural areas, Presidential Fitness (which would have money attached to it) and Rural Health Transformation.

**Mandy Garrett – Income Maintenance/Eligibility Supervisor**

**Three Rivers Zone Office Information**

- Current Openings: None
- Medicaid
  - Total Households: December 2025 – 4161
  - Total Individuals: December 2025 – 6971
  - Total Benefits: N/A
- SNAP
  - Total Households: December 2025 - 1516
  - Total Individuals: December 2025 - 3334
  - Total Benefits Paid: \$581.9K

- **LIHEAP**
  - Total Households: December 2025 – 799
  - Total Individuals: December 2025 – 2033
  - Total Benefits: \$85.2K
- **TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)**
  - Total Households: December 2025 – 85
  - Total Individuals: December 2025 – 351
  - Total Benefits: \$51.4K
- **Childcare Assistance Program**
  - Total Households: December 2025 - 228
  - Total Individuals: December 2025 – 859
  - Total Benefits: \$205.4K
- **Call Center Stats**
  - Total Calls Received: December 2025 – 27,120
  - Answered Calls: December 2025 – 16,314
  - Abandoned Calls: December 2025 – 9,292
  - Average Wait Time: December 2025 – 13 minutes
  - Average Talk Time: December 2025 – 9 minutes
- **Swim Lanes**
  - Currently 30 days behind. (December 16 is where they are all at currently)
- **Support Specialists (Statewide)**
  - As of 1/7/26 was a week behind
- **Call Center Information**
  - Starting to get a lot of calls about work not being processed timely-highest wait time noted in December was 1 hour and 28 minutes.
- **Foot traffic in the three offices has been monitored since May 2024.**
  - Sioux County 168 in December.
  - Grant County 39 in December.
  - Morton County 324 in December.

**Jenny Wetsch – Child Protection**

See the attached Statistical information which was presented during the meeting.

- 81 total reports in December: 2 Reports in Grant County and 1 Report for Sioux County.
  - 47 assigned as Full.
  - 1 ATP Assessments.
  - 34 Administratively Assessed or Administrative Referrals.
  - 0 Alt Response.
  - 2 Substance Exposed Infant (SEI).
  - 5 Child Sex Cases
  - 0 Prenatal Drug/Alcohol Cases
  - 0 Courtesy Interview Requests from other zones/1 Law Enforcement
  - 0 Conflict cases for another Zone
- Dakota Central/South Country took 10 cases in December. These cases are not reflected in our numbers.
- Dakota Central is helping through January as we are now fully staffed.

- One worker will be going on maternity leave in April and Dakota Central may be able to help us again.
- We are looking at bringing Holly Hammarsten back as a temp for the summer again if approved to help cover for the maternity leave. She has stated she would be willing to come back to assist.

#### Tracy Mertz-Foster Care/In Home

- See the attached statistical information which was presented during the meeting.
- Currently we have 73 cases.
  - 60 Foster Care (counted by child)
  - 13 In-Home Cases, ICPC, Courtesy Case Management & Home Study's
  - 38 Foster Homes/PATH
  - 6 QRTP/PRTF (1 DD GH)
  - 8 Relative Care
  - 8-18+
  - 0-YCC

#### Child Welfare Unit Updates

- Alicia Grimm had transitioned over to the CPS unit to fill the open position. Her cases are being divided among the remaining staff.
- Our newest worker, Monique Gladue, is doing well.
- Alicia's open position closes on Monday and we have 5 applicants so far.
- We now have 2 paid interns from MSU with one starting in the CPS area and the other in Foster Care, they will switch later. They are doing well so far and could be potential staff for us down the road. They will be with us until the end of April. One of the interns has been doing the 31:8 program for human trafficking.
- We have kicked off the Case Management Redesign. This is a pilot project with the state. We will be doing regular staffing with children removed from the home. Ward, Cass, Grand Forks and we are doing this pilot. The goal is to make sure that the removals are appropriate. We haven't had our first meeting on the pilot, so there will be more to come.

#### Eligibility Updates

- SNAP Error Rates are high.
  - If we stay on the rate we are, the state will need to pay a high percentage of the cost starting in 2028. If we get this addressed and get our error rates lowered, we will have to pay a lower percentage.
  - We can see the error rate on the "Insider" Dashboard. Mandy will provide this data on the Error rate and Timeliness for the next meeting.
  - Discussion was held as to the barriers to timeliness.
  - SNAP errors are anytime a worker does not follow policy.
  - Mandy explained the differences in work queues. For example, we get X amount dumped in the queues each day, whereas AZ has one out, one in policy to fill the removed item's spot.
  - 5% increments in errors.
  - Too many staff are touching the same case instead of one person from start to finish.
  - The Governor has put a stop to all processes across the state as in no more staff.
  - We have been working the eligibility redesign for 3 years.
- State has approved 10 FTE's for Error Proofing for Zone Employees.

- All eligibility workers will be getting the Genesis call center program.

#### Zone Director Updates

- Zones are required to request employment open records on the applicant through state HR if they had worked for a state agency or zone in the past or present.
- Discussions are being held at the Director's meetings to increase the On Call pay for SW from \$75/day to \$100/day beginning April 1. It has been recommended we compensate Supervisors across the state as well. OMB approval is needed. They had discussed various entities and their on-call positions. This would increase the on-call budget by roughly \$9,000. They are looking at providing Supervisor's with \$50/day. This hadn't gone through a motion but was being discussed at the Director's meeting today.
- Zone Plan updates for 2026 are due by February 1.

#### Other:

- Mission Vision and Values Update.
  - On January 5 the leadership team met with Jason Matthews and the Alignment Team where they shared the recommendations.
  - Jodie shared the meeting information on the screen online. The meeting was recorded. Jodie sent Jason's Documents to the supervisors and to Jackie who is also a part of the team.
    - Closed session was held as board members shared their thoughts on some of the recommendations.
  - The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26 with Jason and the team and we will be measuring the progress.
  - February 10, we will be holding the all-staff meeting with Jason as our guest to go over the findings and plans. Board members would like to attend.
  - Dennis will send the final information before the next board meeting.
  - Ward County has contacted us regarding our experience with Jason.

#### Adjourn:

- Moved by Heidi Peltz, seconded by Rose Mary Lawson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Next Meeting February 19, 2026 – 10 AM, Mandan

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodie Leier  
Fiscal Services  
Three Rivers Human Service Zone

**THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE**  
**MONTHLY BILLING APPROVAL SHEET**  
 For Month of: February, 2026

VENDOR	AMOUNT
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Bakke Grinolds Wiederholt	\$ 2,907.50	
Cedric Theel Toyota	\$ 43,416.50	*Already Processed
Dawise Perry Funeral Home	\$ 3,500.00	
ITD	\$ 224.40	
JM Strategies, LLC.	\$ 27,000.00	
Lake RegionState College	\$ 227.85	
Lee, Melodie	\$ 101.28	
McClanahan, Terrence	\$ 430.00	*Already Processed
Meier, Dennis	\$ 61.04	
Montana State Fund	\$ 434.28	*Already Processed
Montana State Fund Adjustment	\$ 0.12	
Murtaugh, Angela	\$ 149.99	
NRG - Bill for February 2026	\$ 1,887.00	
NRG - Bill for March 2026	\$ 1,887.00	
NRG	\$ 72.00	
Nelson, Nicole	\$ 495.00	*Already Processed
Preble	\$ 655.00	
Schmaltz, Richell	\$ 48.37	*Already Processed
Sharp, Shannon	\$ 165.00	*Already Processed
Taylor, Carmen	\$ 21.59	
WRT ( Sioux)	\$ 179.96	
WRT (Grant)	\$ 80.03	

Credit Card (Gillette)		
Credit Card (Leier)	\$ 11,912.06	
WEX Card	\$ 608.92	

Jackie Buckley	\$ 5.80	\$ 50.00
RoseMary Lawson	\$ 7.25	\$ 50.00
Lori Flaten	\$ 10.15	\$ 50.00
Heidi Peltz	\$ 71.05	\$ 50.00
John Pretty Bear	\$ 91.35	\$ 50.00
Marty Meyer	\$ 98.60	\$ 50.00
Ken Snider	\$ 87.00	\$ 50.00
Gerard Kraft	\$ 82.65	\$ 50.00
Dawson Holle	\$ 26.10	\$ 50.00
Karen Rohr	\$ 2.18	\$ 50.00
Subtotal:	\$ 96,947.02	\$ 500.00

**TOTAL:** \$ 97,447.02

**APPROVALS:**

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**DIRECTOR:**

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**Morton County**

**Expenditure Report with Detail Options**

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Account Number / Description	Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
<b>SOCIAL WELFARE FUND</b>							
207.450.6101 / SALARIES	\$34,143.60	\$0.00	\$474,940.80	\$404,747.80	\$0.00	\$70,193.00	85.22%
207.450.6102 / DEFERRED COMP. BENEFIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,229.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,229.43	0.00%
207.450.6103 / TEMPORARY SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,247.64	\$0.00	(\$10,247.64)	0.00%
207.450.6104 / LEAVE PAYOUTS	\$1,903.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.46	\$0.00	(\$3,081.46)	0.00%
207.450.6110 / SERVICE AWARDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,970.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	28.43%
207.450.6121 / PAID OVERTIME	\$386.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386.10	\$0.00	(\$386.10)	0.00%
207.450.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.06	\$0.00	(\$123.06)	0.00%
207.450.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$7,270.84	\$0.00	\$83,968.68	\$72,856.36	\$0.00	\$11,112.32	86.77%
207.450.6212 / AUTO INSURANCE	\$4,932.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,358.00	\$0.00	(\$14,358.00)	0.00%
207.450.6215 / LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$4,752.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,752.00	\$0.00	(\$4,752.00)	0.00%
207.450.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$2,600.32	\$0.00	\$36,332.97	\$30,054.00	\$0.00	\$6,278.97	82.72%
207.450.6241 / WORKMENS COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$435.17	\$0.00	(\$435.17)	0.00%
207.450.6300 / NDPERS DEF. BENEFIT	\$4,995.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,516.90	\$0.00	(\$60,516.90)	0.00%
207.450.6321 / PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,099.00	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$7,048.00	0.72%
207.450.6322 / Background Checks	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$7,230.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$6,870.00	4.98%
207.450.6324 / PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%
207.450.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	\$16,591.33	\$0.00	(\$12,391.33)	395.03%
207.450.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$1,239.30	\$0.00	\$59,400.00	\$5,919.99	\$0.00	\$53,480.01	9.97%
207.450.6342 / GAS AND OIL	\$973.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$973.02	\$0.00	(\$973.02)	0.00%
207.450.6344 / VEHICLE & EQUIP REPAIR & MAINTENANC	\$638.47	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	\$56,846.36	\$0.00	(\$49,246.36)	747.98%
207.450.6359 / POSTAGE	\$71.79	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,459.12	\$0.00	\$2,040.88	54.65%
207.450.6360 / MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,957.49	\$0.00	\$33,630.00	\$25,118.12	\$0.00	\$8,511.88	74.69%
207.450.6363 / PUBLISHING & PRINTING	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	3.64%
207.450.6401 / OFFICE MATERIALS	\$292.16	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$6,677.05	\$0.00	\$7,322.95	47.69%
207.450.6412 / SUPPLIES-COMPUTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$464.78	\$0.00	\$4,735.22	8.94%
207.450.6418 / LICENSES	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	0.00%

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207.450.6499 / CLIENT AID	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147.30	\$0.00	(\$147.30)	0.00%
207.450.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$33,246.30	\$0.00	\$82,800.00	\$59,775.78	\$0.00	\$23,024.22	72.19%
207.450.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	(\$45.00)	0.00%
207.450.6906 / Keeping the Culture Alive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,281.43	\$0.00	(\$1,281.43)	0.00%
207.450.6911 / EXPERT/PROFESSIONAL WITNESS FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,178.78	\$0.00	(\$23,178.78)	0.00%
207.450.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$22,848.00	\$3,286.64	\$0.00	\$19,561.36	14.38%
207.450.6932 / COPIER EXPENSE	\$1,821.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,189.79	\$0.00	(\$8,189.79)	0.00%
207.451.6101 / SALARIES	\$102,315.92	\$0.00	\$1,516,900.69	\$1,341,054.95	\$0.00	\$175,845.74	88.41%
207.451.6121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$1,449.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,242.71	\$0.00	(\$6,242.71)	0.00%
207.451.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$49.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$604.75	\$0.00	(\$604.75)	0.00%
207.451.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$31,161.67	\$0.00	\$339,938.29	\$347,856.17	\$0.00	(\$7,917.88)	102.33%
207.451.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$7,146.25	\$0.00	\$116,042.90	\$94,141.92	\$0.00	\$21,900.98	81.13%
207.451.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$15,469.18	\$0.00	\$216,310.04	\$201,482.42	\$0.00	\$14,827.62	93.15%
207.451.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$176.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,513.31	\$0.00	(\$2,513.31)	0.00%
207.451.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$756.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,859.30	\$0.00	(\$4,859.30)	0.00%
207.451.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$76.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.91	\$0.00	(\$76.91)	0.00%
207.451.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$244.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,779.35	\$0.00	(\$13,779.35)	0.00%
207.452.6101 / SALARIES	\$46,515.68	\$0.00	\$668,184.04	\$548,384.57	\$0.00	\$119,799.47	82.07%
207.452.6104 / LEAVE PAYOUTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,147.51	\$0.00	(\$4,147.51)	0.00%
207.452.6111 / STANDBY SALARIES	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,226.16	\$0.00	(\$19,226.16)	0.00%
207.452.6121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$522.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,368.78	\$0.00	(\$9,368.78)	0.00%
207.452.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$14.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.09	\$0.00	(\$168.09)	0.00%
207.452.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,511.70	\$0.00	\$72,553.67	\$51,432.36	\$0.00	\$21,121.31	70.89%
207.452.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$3,556.76	\$0.00	\$51,116.08	\$43,151.47	\$0.00	\$7,964.61	84.42%
207.452.6251 / UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$746.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.00	\$0.00	(\$746.00)	0.00%
207.452.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$7,043.87	\$0.00	\$95,283.04	\$82,388.19	\$0.00	\$12,894.85	86.47%
207.452.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATIONS & SUBSCR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	(\$245.00)	0.00%

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207.452.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$1,059.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,994.28	\$0.00	(\$11,994.28)	0.00%
207.452.6345 / SPF TRAVEL	\$722.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,588.14	\$0.00	\$6,411.86	35.88%
207.452.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$830.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,764.04	\$0.00	(\$3,764.04)	0.00%
207.452.6418 / MEDICAL & LICENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	(\$225.00)	0.00%
207.452.6423 / SPF CLIENT DRUG TESTING	\$465.00	\$0.00	\$6,868.00	\$1,035.00	\$0.00	\$5,833.00	15.07%
207.452.6425 / SPF MEDICAL	\$684.35	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,242.01	\$0.00	\$3,257.99	27.60%
207.452.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$76.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.91	\$0.00	(\$76.91)	0.00%
207.452.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$4,191.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,432.43	\$0.00	(\$35,432.43)	0.00%
207.452.6913 / HIGH RISK DAY CARE	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$62,250.00	\$7,160.00	\$0.00	\$55,090.00	11.50%
207.452.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$437.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,476.97	\$0.00	(\$3,476.97)	0.00%
207.453.6101 / SALARIES	\$29,572.80	\$0.00	\$491,090.76	\$448,170.00	\$0.00	\$42,920.76	91.26%
207.453.6104 / LEAVE PAYOUTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,874.58	\$0.00	(\$1,874.58)	0.00%
207.453.6111 / STANDBY SALARIES	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,375.00	\$0.00	(\$12,375.00)	0.00%
207.453.6121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$697.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,831.79	\$0.00	(\$1,831.79)	0.00%
207.453.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$8.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.30	\$0.00	(\$135.30)	0.00%
207.453.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$4,511.70	\$0.00	\$62,608.94	\$63,448.94	\$0.00	(\$840.00)	101.34%
207.453.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$2,301.20	\$0.00	\$37,568.44	\$33,764.43	\$0.00	\$3,804.01	89.87%
207.453.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$4,460.88	\$0.00	\$70,029.54	\$67,674.82	\$0.00	\$2,354.72	96.64%
207.453.6339 / MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATIONS & SUBSCR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$235.00	\$0.00	(\$235.00)	0.00%
207.453.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.32	\$0.00	(\$705.32)	0.00%
207.453.6345 / SPF TRAVEL	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	(\$450.00)	0.00%
207.453.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$274.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$611.14	\$0.00	(\$611.14)	0.00%
207.453.6418 / MEDICAL & LICENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	(\$225.00)	0.00%
207.453.6423 / SPF CLIENT DRUG TESTING	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,840.00	\$0.00	(\$2,840.00)	0.00%
207.453.6425 / SPF MEDICAL	\$27.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.72	\$0.00	(\$27.72)	0.00%
207.453.6651 / CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	\$41.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.41	\$0.00	(\$41.41)	0.00%
207.453.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$62.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,069.80	\$0.00	(\$6,069.80)	0.00%

Morton County

**Expenditure Report with Detail Options**

Fiscal Year: 2025-2025

From Date: 12/1/2025

To Date: 12/31/2025

Account Mask: ??????????

Exclude PR encumbrance  Include pre encumbrance  Print accounts with zero balance

Account Number / Description	Expended PTD	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Expended YTD	Encumbered YTD	Unexpended Bal	% Used
207.453.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$39.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,758.00	\$0.00	(\$2,758.00)	0.00%
207.455.6101 / SALARIES	\$10,940.80	\$0.00	\$103,801.17	\$146,396.75	\$0.00	(\$42,595.58)	141.04%
207.455.6121 / OVERTIME PAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.00	\$0.00	(\$184.00)	0.00%
207.455.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$6.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.75	\$0.00	(\$71.75)	0.00%
207.455.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,648.58	\$0.00	\$31,304.47	\$64,050.36	\$0.00	(\$32,745.89)	204.60%
207.455.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$697.56	\$0.00	\$7,940.79	\$9,597.31	\$0.00	(\$1,656.52)	120.86%
207.455.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$1,501.58	\$0.00	\$14,802.05	\$20,114.87	\$0.00	(\$5,312.82)	135.89%
207.455.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.34	\$0.00	(\$105.34)	0.00%
207.455.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$653.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.50	\$0.00	(\$1,246.50)	0.00%
207.455.6927 / TERMINAL COST	\$13.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$847.10	\$0.00	(\$847.10)	0.00%
207.456.6101 / SALARIES	\$2,311.16	\$0.00	\$43,558.30	\$29,457.75	\$0.00	\$14,100.55	67.63%
207.456.6209 / LIFE INSURANCE	\$2.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.60	\$0.00	(\$24.60)	0.00%
207.456.6211 / HEALTH INSURANCE	\$653.56	\$0.00	\$9,944.73	\$6,969.19	\$0.00	\$2,975.54	70.08%
207.456.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$152.31	\$0.00	\$3,465.50	\$1,942.08	\$0.00	\$1,523.42	56.04%
207.456.6300 / NDPERS DEFINED BENEFIT	\$352.68	\$0.00	\$6,459.87	\$4,495.24	\$0.00	\$1,964.63	69.59%
207.456.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$81.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.09	\$0.00	(\$207.09)	0.00%
207.456.6401 / OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86.28	\$0.00	(\$86.28)	0.00%
207.457.6101 / SALARIES	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	(\$3,850.00)	0.00%
207.457.6221 / FICA MATCH	\$286.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$294.54	\$0.00	(\$294.54)	0.00%
207.457.6341 / TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$22.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,876.70	\$0.00	(\$1,876.70)	0.00%
207.457.6912 / ZONE BOARD TRAVEL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	0.00%
207.459.6911 / EXPERT/PROFESSIONAL WITNESS FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,786.26	\$0.00	(\$4,786.26)	0.00%
207.461.6905 / SAFETY/PERMANENCY FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$1,128.49	\$0.00	\$9,871.51	10.26%
207.462.6499 / MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$291.36	\$0.00	\$4,900.00	\$2,767.01	\$0.00	\$2,132.99	56.47%
207.462.6904 / GA BURIALS	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$73,196.79	\$0.00	(\$13,196.79)	121.99%
Total For SOCIAL WELFARE	\$427,828.53	\$0.00	\$5,024,870.19	\$4,670,512.93	\$0.00	\$354,357.26	92.95%

Morton County

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<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$427,828.53	\$0.00	\$5,024,870.19	\$4,670,512.93	\$0.00	\$354,357.26	92.95%

End of Report

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There are approx. 50-60 SRST foster children from ND and SD placed in ND foster homes that I help facilitate visits F2F visits required by Federal rule and reporting back to the legal custodian, the Tribe, SD IV E and ND IV E so the visits can be logged and reported to the Feds. The Tribe has approx. 125+ foster children in care, but they won't really tell me where the children are placed. 22 of these placements are SD IV E Paid Foster Care placements in ND and 39 ND Tribal IV E children, and 16 are in IV E foster care placements.

I spend a lot of time with Medicaid issues with the foster kids Medicaid, bills not being paid, getting SD foster kids on ND Medicaid, and talking with business offices of medical facilities clearing up nonpayment issues with current foster children and children previously in care. I also provide this service for the Three Rivers Human Service Zone foster children. I have frequent contact with Joe Ashley, the Tribal IV E person for the State of SD. He tracks the SRST SD IV E children, I report visits ND does for his IV E children, Interstate compact on the placement of children, getting SD Medicaid closed and ND Medicaid open for his SD Kids.

SFY 2026 FMAP amounts have been released. The State will send out contracts with the new amounts, to the tribes, which need to be signed and returned to the Fiscal Unit and the whole process will start again, helping the tribe submit FMAP reimbursement request, training etc. CFS has hired two Tribal Liaisons who will be assisting the tribes going forward. I have been asked to assist in some capacity. Still defining what that capacity is because the Liaison are new. I'm a little concerned that none of the tribes have not submitted a FMAP request. It really isn't my issue anymore, but I hate to see Tribes leave easy money on the table.

I have attended two TEAMS meetings and one in person training with the new State Tribal Liaisons training on IV E Reimbursement.

The meetings were with Standing Rock, MHA and Spirit Lake.

The Keeping the Culture Alive class that was to be held on Jan 22<sup>th</sup> at the Mandan Library from 6-8 pm, was postponed due to extreme wind chill warnings. John Eagle Sr, the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act Specialist for State Historical Society of North Dakota will be presenting on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

I have done the payment of indirect expenses for Sioux County since we went to a zone in 2020. I exam the bills, prepare the vouchers, submit them to the Sioux County Auditor to prepare the checks and pay the bills, about \$3200.00ish a month. These numbers are submitted to Jodie Leier for the 119 indirect cost report that are submitted to the state.

I did 7 Foster Care F2F visits for SRST.

My new project has been Targeted Case Management. Still working with our zone to get it up and running. Still working on getting TCM for Turtle Mountain going. They have 10 staff that would meet the qualifications to bill Medicaid right now.

We are shorthanded on the Foster Care unit and I have been helping cover visits and some transportation and other duties as assigned.

*Vincent Gillette*

Vincent N. Gillette  
Tribal Liaison  
Three Rivers Human Service Zone

TOTAL 960 REPORTS				
FOR ZONE	(includes combines)			
	2023	2024	2025	2026
JANUARY	90	83	69	84
FEBRUARY	83	101	85	
MARCH	95	114	108	
APRIL	86	93	88	
MAY	76	80	100	
JUNE	68	66	86	
JULY	70	68	90	
AUGUST	98	67	77	
SEPTEMBER	108	81	93	
OCTOBER	82	84	90	
NOVEMBER	89	89	94	
DECEMBER	69	97	81	
YEAR TOTAL	1014	1023	1061	84

ASSIGNED 960'S				
(includes combines)				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
JANUARY	53	48	39	34
FEBRUARY	43	60	48	
MARCH	56	86	77	
APRIL	53	63	55	
MAY	44	48	62	
JUNE	36	36	50	
JULY	44	44	50	
AUGUST	55	45	48	
SEPTEMBER	62	52	64	
OCTOBER	44	55	52	
NOVEMBER	57	63	43	
DECEMBER	32	60	47	
YEAR TOTAL	579	660	635	34

**THREE RIVERS HUMAN SERVICE ZONE Child Protection Reports Jan 1 to Jan 31st**

-Of the 84 total reports in Dec, 50 Administratively Assessed (AA)/Administrative Referrals (AR), and 0 Assessment Terminated in Progress (ATP).

Grant County- 1 full/ATP

Sioux County- 0 full/ATP

\* Total number of Substance Exposed Infant (SEI) cases- 2

\* Total number of Child Sexual Behavior (CSB) cases- 3

\*Total number of Prenatal Exposure (drugs/alcohol)- 0

\*Total number of courtesy interview requests- 0 from another zone, 1 LE assist

\* Conflict cases for another Zone- 0

\*Dak Central/South Country HSZ took 11 cases in Jan

**Beginning Jan caseload-**

**Opened/Closed- Jan 1- Jan 31st-**

CPS Supervisor (JW)- 7

Opened-3, Closed-4, End-6 (\*0 combine)

CPS Worker (KO)- 14

Opened-3, Closed- 4, End-13 (\*0 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (MG)- 20

Opened-4,(3 were rural) Closed-7, End-17 (\*4 new reports received on open cases)

CPS Worker (TB)- 17

Opened-4, Closed- 8, End- 13 (\*1 combined report)

CPS Worker (MV)- 8

Opened-4, Closed -4, End- 8 (\*3 combined reports)

CPS Worker (AG)- 0

Opened-6, Closed-1, End-5 (\*1 combined report)

**Parent Aide Caseload**

BB-	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	10	13	12	14	14	16	10	13	14	14	14	11	12

BS-	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	11	12	14	12	5 (May13 vacated)		6	9	9	11	10	10	10

**TRHSZ FOSTER CARE / IN-HOME  
CASE LOADS JANUARY 2026**

**CASE LOAD TOTALS = 80**

**63 - Foster Care – (counted by child)**

**40 - foster homes/PATH 5 - QRTP/PRTF (1 DD GH) 11 - relative Care 7- 18+ 0 - YCC**

**17 - In-Home, ICPC, Courtesy Case Management & Home Studies**

<u>2026</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Closed</u>
January	11	4

<u>2025</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Closed</u>
December	8	4
November	1	5
October	6	9

**2026-TRHSZ**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
80											

**2025- TRHSZ**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
80	80	70	66	64	67	72	76	75	72	69	73

**2024-TRHSZ**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
71	74	73	77	76	77	76	71	74	75	76	78

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2026</u>
<b>MG</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	0	0	0	3
In-Home	0	0	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>AG</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	6	6	7	3
In-Home	4	2	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>WI</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	11	11	11	18
In-Home	4	3	3	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TS</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	14	14	13	12
In-Home	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>LS</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	7	7	8	8
In-Home	5	5	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>EV</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	10	10	10	8
In-Home	1	1	1	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>BW</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Foster Care	9	9	11	11
In-Home	1	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>

## Three Rivers Human Service Zone- Economic Assistance Report

February 2026

### Three Rivers Zone office information:

- *Current Openings: None*

#### **SNAP Program ( Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)**

	Black= Power BI (new system)							
	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Households	1004(1699)	1068(1692)	1618	1604	1593	1533	1516	1533
Total individuals	2793(3654)	2956 (3603)	3610	3566	3545	3396	3334	3396
Total benefits issued	\$645.2K	\$624.9K	\$625.3k	\$616.31K	\$632.4k	\$604.1K	\$581.9k	\$566.6k

#### **LIHEAP Program (Low income Home Energy Assistance Program)**

	Black= Power BI (new system)							
	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Households	71(763)	94(771)	57	10	223	418	799	799
Total individuals	242(155)	305(168)	204	36	564	979	2033	2047
Total Benefits issued	\$72.3K	\$90.40	\$477.20	\$3,021.00	\$14.4k	\$42.0k	\$85.2k	\$64.3k

#### **Child Care Assistance Program**

	Black= Power BI (new system)							
	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Households	134(235)	134(235)	130	152	161	149	228	233
Total individuals	517(676)	516(685)	483	476	496	461	859	873
Total Benefits issued	\$223.2K	\$242.1K	\$247.5k	\$228.7K	\$229.8k	\$223.5K	\$205.4k	\$156.3k

#### **Health Care Coverage**

	Black= Power BI (new system)							
	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Households	1916(4284)	4208(4308)	4182	4286	4174	4175	4161	4146
Total individuals	3674(7058)	7167(7054)	7197	7357	7056	7026	6971	6939
Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)**

Black= Power BI (new system)

	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Households	118(105)	120 (107)	124	83	90	78	85	87
Total individuals	461(201)	477(184)	509	211	225	184	351	367
Total Benefits issued	\$53.0K	\$50.2K	\$51.8k	\$62.9K	\$58.8k	\$52k	\$51.4k	\$52.6k

**Call Center Stats:**

	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total calls received	21,134	22,247	22,866	25,302	26,042	18,868	27120	30,192
Answered calls	16,912	17,981	17,921	17,884	17,431	14,753	16314	15,869
Abandoned calls	3,476	3,472	4,034	6,253	7,371	2,933	9292	12,463
Average wait time	5 Min.	5 Min.	5 Min.	8 Min.	10 Min	5 Min	13 Min	17min
Average talktime	5 Min.	5 Min.	5 Min.	9 Min.	9 Min	9 Min	9 Min	9 Min.

**Front Desk Walk in Traffic per County office for Economic Assistance:**

	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Sioux County	244	203	206	215	209	143	168	222
Grant County	36	23	24	25	43	27	39	34
Morton County	299	326	328	298	337	324	324	347

**HRCC outreach stats:**

	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
# of staff attended	4	4	2	5	1	0	3
# of inmates seen	17	8	3	17	2	0	14
# of MA apps completed	7	4	1	9	1	0	8
# of change reports	10	4	1	9	1	0	8
# of SNAP apps completed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

**Swim lane information:**

- Group 1 backlog: 4,595 work items (data as of 2/10/2026)
- Group 2/3 backlog: 9,783 work items (data as of 2/10/2026)
- Group 4 backlog: 572 work items (data as of 2/10/2026)
- 2025 ND State Payment error rate is 9.79% no current data is available- Payment error rate measures the accuracy of each eligibility and benefit determinations. Payment errors include both underpayments and overpayments.

The SNAP cost share tier has recently changed due to new legislation (The Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025), which will require states to cover a portion of SNAP benefit costs starting in FY 2028. States with error rates above 6% will be required to pay between 0-15% of benefit costs, depending on the payment error rates.

## SNAP Provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025

∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10101 Re-Evaluation of Thrifty Food Plan</a>
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10102 Modifications to SNAP Work Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults</a>
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10103 Availability of Standard Utility Allowances Based on Receipt of Energy Assistance</a>
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10104 Restrictions on Internet Expenses</a>
∧ <a href="#">Sec. 10105 Matching Funds Requirements</a>
This provision amends Section 4(a) of the Act to establish a SNAP quality control incentive that consists of state matching funds requirements for the cost of SNAP benefit allotments. The matching requirements are determined based on a state's SNAP payment error rate and range from a state share of 0 to 15 percent of program allotments. These requirements generally begin in fiscal year 2028.
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10106 Administrative Cost Sharing</a>
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10107 National Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program</a>
∨ <a href="#">Sec. 10108 Alien SNAP Eligibility</a>

**Support Specialist (Statewide):**

- No changes or backlog

**Call Center (CSC):**

- No changes