



# GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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## GOODHUE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS) AGENDA

ONLINE-VIA GOTOMEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

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Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board will conduct a board meeting pursuant to this section on February 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via GoToMeeting platform. The board and staff will attend the meeting via GoToMeeting by video or phone. The public is welcome to monitor the meeting by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/851323621> or calling **1 866 899 4679** beginning at 10:20 a.m. or any time during the meeting. Access Code: 851-323-621

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. REVIEW AND APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA:
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY 2021 HHS BOARD MINUTES

Documents:

[JANUARY 2021 HHS BOARD MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Child Care Licensure Approval

Documents:

[CHILD CARE APPROVALS.PDF](#)

- b. GCHHS Employee Appreciation Day Proclamation

Documents:

[GCHHS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION.PDF](#)

5. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Accounts Payable

Documents:

[ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.PDF](#)

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Child Protection 2020 Year End Report  
Katie Bystrom

Documents:

[CHILD PROTECTION 2020 YEAR END REPORT.PDF](#)

b. HHS COVID-19 Update  
Nina Arneson

Documents:

[2-2021 COVID-19 HHS BOARD UPDATE.PDF](#)

7. FYI-MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. CD Placement Report

Documents:

[CD PLACEMENT REPORT.PDF](#)

b. Child Protection Report

Documents:

[CHILD PROTECTION REPORT.PDF](#)

c. HHS Staffing Report

Documents:

[HHS STAFFING REPORT.PDF](#)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

9. ADJOURN

a. Next Meeting Will Be March 16, 2021 At 10:30 A.m.

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**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board convened their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 19, 2021, online via GoToMeeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brad Anderson, Paul Drotos, Linda Flanders, Susan Johnson, Todd Greseth, Jason Majerus and Nina Pagel.

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nina Arneson, Kris Johnson, Mike Zorn, Lisa Woodford, Ruth Greenslade, Brooke Hawkenson, Heather Arndt, Scott Arneson, and Jessica Seide

**AGENDA:**

On a motion by N. Pagel and seconded by B. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the January 19, 2021 Agenda.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

On a motion by S. Johnson and seconded by B. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the H&HS Board Meeting on December 15, 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

On a motion by P. Drotos and seconded by S. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved all items on the consent agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

On a motion by J. Majerus and seconded by T. Greseth, the Board unanimously approved payment of all accounts as presented.

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by N. Pagel, the Board unanimously approved a personnel request as presented.

On a motion by P. Drotos and seconded by S. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved Child Protection On-Call Assignment Adjustment as presented.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

HHS COVID-19 Update  
2020 Fiscal Year End Report presented by Mike Zorn

Goodhue County Health & Human Services Board  
Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2021

FYI & REPORTS:

CD Placement Report  
Child Protection Report  
HHS Staffing Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

ADJOURN:

On a motion by S. Johnson and seconded by T. Greseth, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of this session of the Health & Human Services Board Meeting at or around 11:51 a.m.

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**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>Requested Board Date:</b>	February 16, 2021	<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Katie Bystrom
<b>Consent Agenda:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Attachments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approve Child Care Licensure Actions		

**BACKGROUND:**

**Child Care Relicensures:**

**Child Care Licensures:**

- Chelsie Strom                      Mazeppa

Number of Licensed Family Child Care Homes: 77

**RECOMMENDATION:** Goodhue County HHS Department recommends approval of the above.



**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>Requested Board Date:</b>	February 16, 2021	<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Nina Arneson
<b>Consent Agenda:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Attachments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approve GCHHS Employee Appreciation Day Proclamation – March 10, 2021		

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2015, the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Department has celebrated the GCHHS Employee Appreciation Day during the month of March. This tradition was started when the newly renovated and expanded HHS Building was reopened. For the first time, all GCHHS professionals were together in the same building.

**RECOMMENDATION:** GCHHS Department recommends approval as requested.





Goodhue County  
**Health and Human Services**

Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board's Proclamation

**Goodhue County Health and Human Services  
Employee Appreciation Day**

**March 10, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Health and Human Services are core functions of county government in Goodhue County and in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County Health and Human Services is committed to promote, strengthen, and protect the health of individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board recognizes this important work, dedication, skill and professionalism of Goodhue County Health and Human Services employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County Health and Human Services employees work with numerous legislative, program, customer, community and service demands; and because of their commitment to the citizens of Goodhue County and to a healthier future; and

**WHEREAS**, this past year, the Health and Human Services employees have responded tirelessly and creatively to the COVID-19 pandemic, and continue to provide safety-net services to Goodhue County residents during the pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board hereby proclaim our gratitude and recognition of Goodhue County Health and Human Services Employees for their dedication, skills, professionalism, tireless and outstanding work, and declare March 10, 2021 as the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Employee Appreciation Day.

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Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>Requested Board Date:</b>	February 16, 2021	<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Mike Zorn
<b>Consent Agenda:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Attachments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approve January 2021 HHS Warrant Registers		

**BACKGROUND:**

This is a summary of Goodhue County Health and Human Services Warrant Registers for: January 2021

Date of Warrant		Check No. Series		Total Batch
IFS	January 8, 2021	ACH	32524 32529	\$12,429.44
IFS	January 8, 2021		454623 454655	\$15,315.05
IFS	January 15, 2021	ACH	32543 32554	\$34,794.90
IFS	January 15, 2021		454725 454758	\$23,401.30
IFS	January 22, 2021	ACH	32555 32563	\$4,426.05
IFS	January 22, 2021		454759 454776	\$7,840.15
IFS	January 29, 2021	ACH	32701 32725	\$18,557.46
IFS	January 29, 2021		454926 454997	\$25,427.55
SSIS	January 29, 2021	ACH	32650 32670	\$222,003.65
SSIS	January 29, 2021		454825 454865	\$169,676.78
IFS	January 29, 2021	ACH	32617 32649	\$7,460.52
IFS	January 29, 2021		454820 454824	\$8,449.77
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$549,782.62</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** Goodhue County HHS Recommends Approval as Presented.

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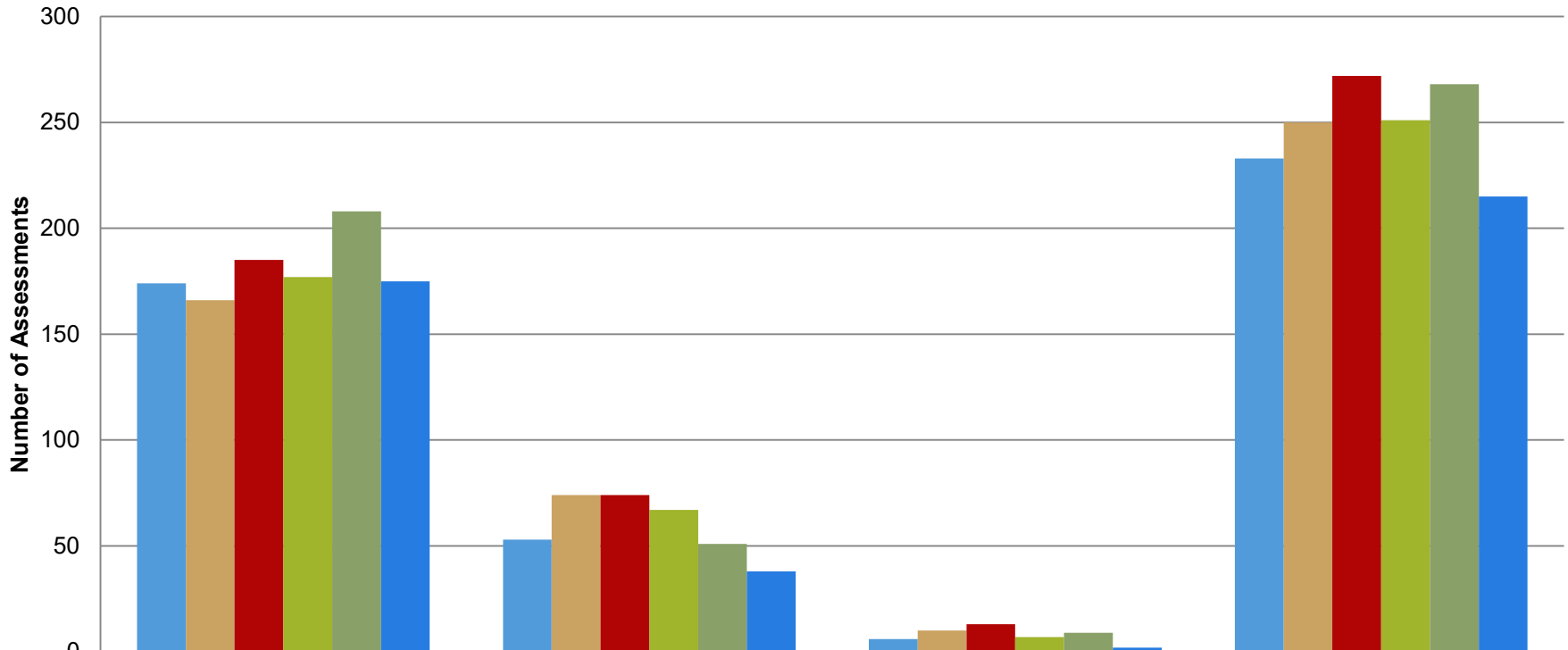


# Child Protection Year End Report 2020

Katie Bystrom  
Social Services Supervisor – Child & Family Unit

# Assessments/Investigations by Year

## Child Protection Assessments/Investigations 2014-2019



	Family Assessments	Family Investigations	Facility Investigations	Total
2015	174	53	6	233
2016	166	74	10	250
2017	185	74	13	272
2018	177	67	7	251
2019	208	51	9	268
2020	175	38	2	215

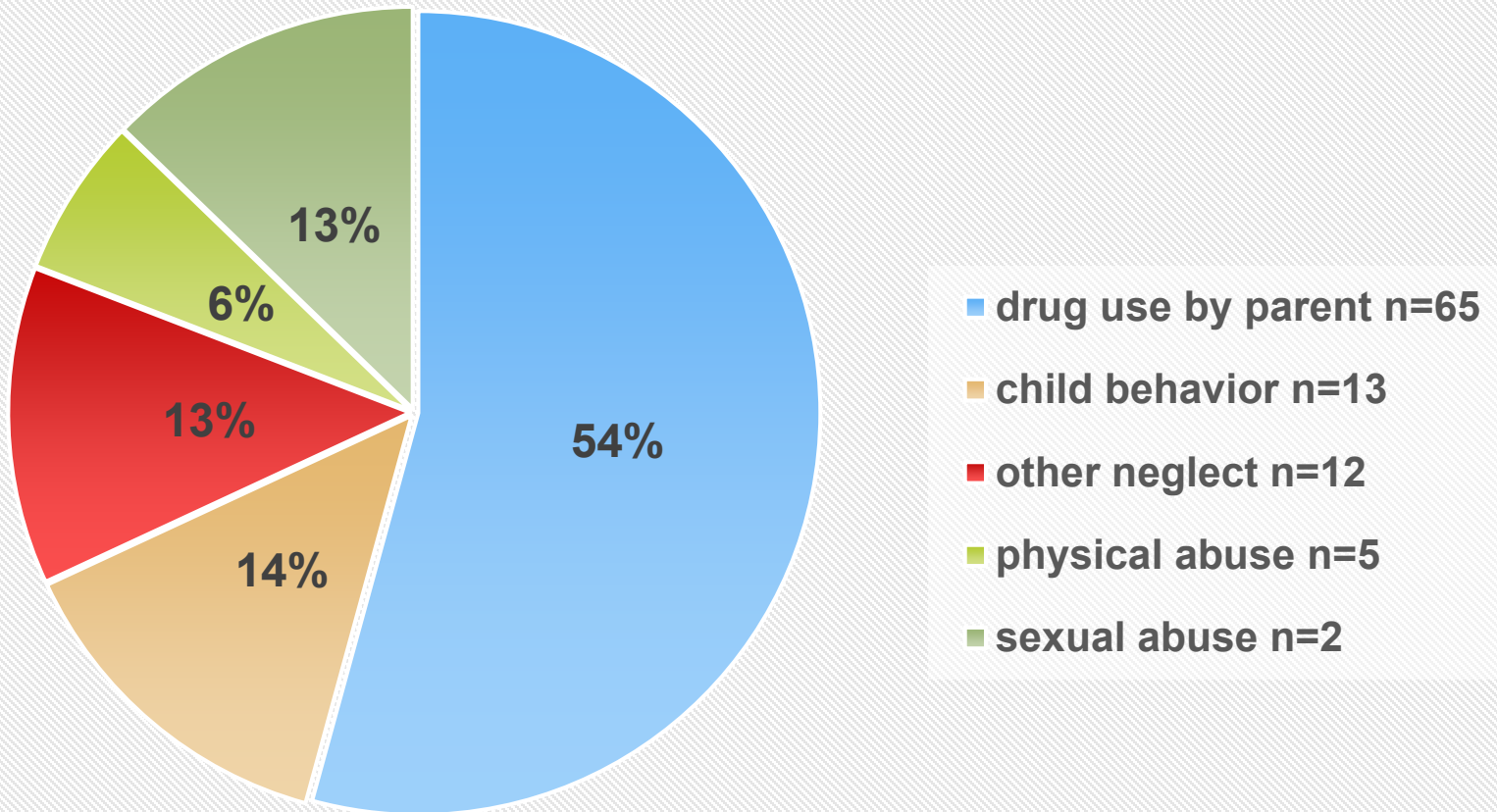
# Intake Statistics

Program	Total Number
Adoption/Licensing requests or complaints	60
Adult Mental Health	142
Adult Protective Services	262
Adult Services (General)	349
Chemical Dependency (report/service request )	273
Child Protective Services	714
Child Welfare	391
Children's Mental Health (report/service request)	65
Developmental Disabilities	5
Parent Support Outreach Program	204
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2465</b>

# Children in Placement 2020

sorted by primary reason for placement

94 unduplicated children in placement



# Permanency Outcomes in 2020

94 unduplicated children

Permanency Outcome	Percentage of Children
Reunification with primary parent n=25	26%
Adoption n=8	9%
Transfer of Legal Custody to relative n=4	4%
Reached Age of Majority n=2	2%
Transferred responsibility to other agency n=1	1%
Remain in care as of 12/31/20 n=54 *Pre-adoptive/ kinship placement n=16	57% *29% of placements are in a permanency setting

# Impact of COVID-19 on Placements

- Supervised visitation continued throughout the pandemic.
  - Visitation supervisors and child protection workers were provided with training to complete the COVID-19 screening questions with parents and foster parents prior to each visit.
  - Visitation supervisors were provided with masks and sanitizing instructions.
  - Visitation locations were identified to allow for safe distancing between the supervisor and families.
  - Foster parents worked with child protection workers to increase virtual visit capacity.
- Child protection workers utilized virtual visits for face to face contacts with children in care as allowed by the Emergency Orders.
- Foster parents managed distance, hybrid, and in person learning for the children in their care.

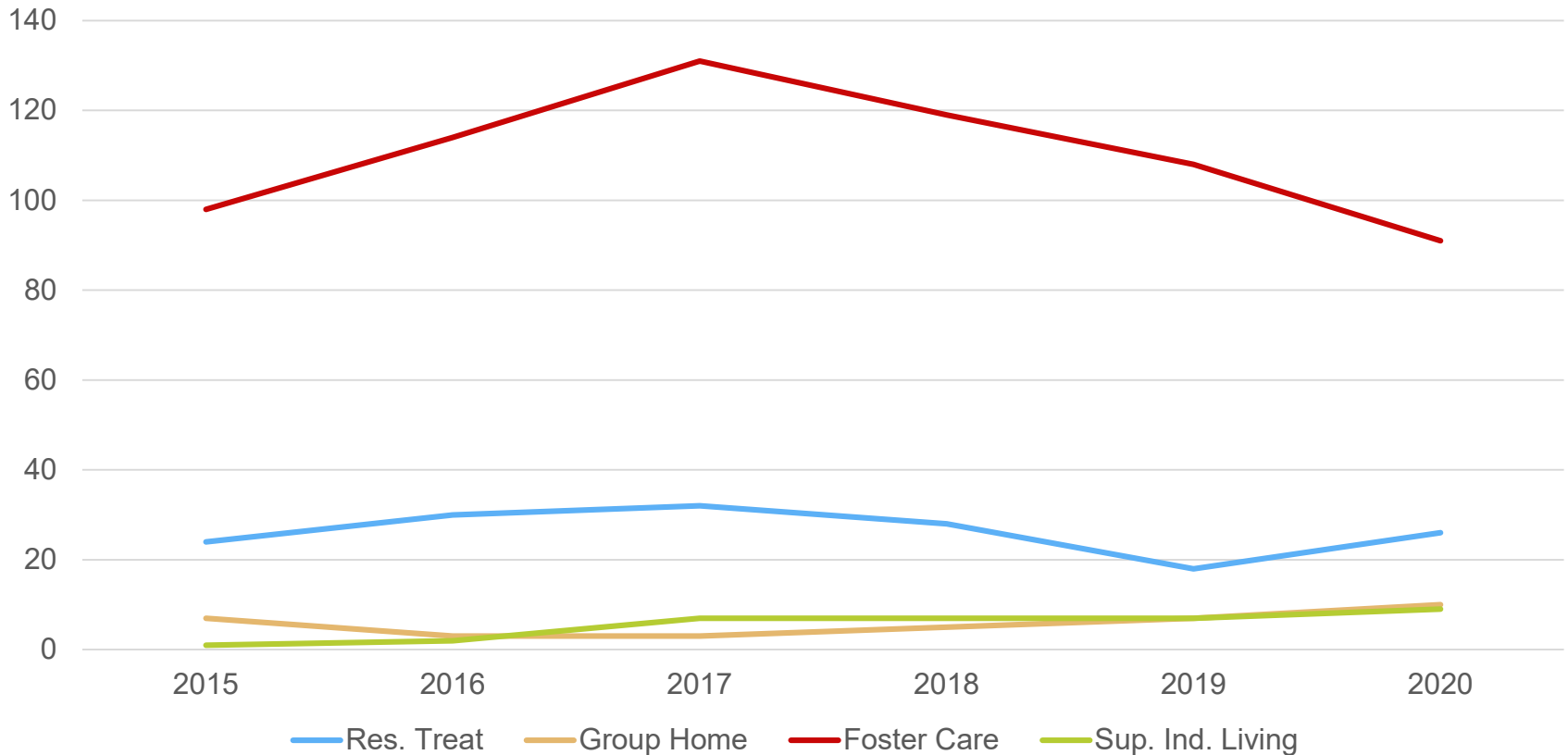
# Permanency

- When children are placed out of the home, federal statute requires that they are in a permanent living situation within 12 months.
- Permanency has been delayed due to COVID-19 related court postponements.
- There are currently 16 children waiting to achieve permanency in their current placement.



# Children in Placement by setting 2015-2020

Duplicated count--1 child may have several placements



# Performance Measures

- County child protection agencies are audited on a variety of measures, but the state no longer withholds 10% of the child protection grant if the performance measures aren't met.
- Overall timeliness of initiating child protection assessments:
  - 94.1% (state standard 100%; \*state data current through December 18, 2020 and does not account for virtual visits with children from March- November due to the statewide data collection update that occurred in December)
- Monthly visits for children in foster care:
  - 80.9% (state standard 95%; \*state data current through end of November and does not account for virtual visits with children in placements from March- November due to the statewide data collection update that occurred in December)

# Performance Measures

- Timeliness for initial contact with child victim
  - Requires face to face contact within 24 hours for substantial child endangerment and sexual abuse
  - Requires face to face contact within 5 calendar days for other reports of abuse and neglect
  - COVID-19 screening is attempted prior to all face to face contact and has required delays in some circumstances
  - Current emergency order allows that contact to be conducted virtually and/or include contact by law enforcement or medical professional
    - Statewide data collection was updated in December, 2020 to capture virtual and alternative face to face contacts.

# Performance Measures

- Face to face contact with children in foster care
  - COVID-19 restrictions at facilities limited face to face opportunities
  - Child protection workers have the capacity to set up virtual meetings as long of caregivers also have that capacity
  - Child engagement with virtual meetings has been a challenge
  - Emergency order allows the face to face contact to be conducted virtually
    - Statewide data collection was updated in December, 2020 to capture virtual and alternative face to face contacts

# Truancy and Educational Neglect

- Goodhue County Schools have provided students with a variety of educational options during the pandemic.
- Most school districts are currently offering in-person, virtual, and hybrid options.
- The Emergency Order changed the criteria that allows child protection to respond to educational neglect and truancy to ensure that all families had access to the resources needed to be successful.
- Internet access and transportation continue to be the biggest challenges.
- Goodhue County Health and Human Services is responding to most reports of educational neglect and truancy through Parent Support and Outreach and child welfare assessments, as directed by the MN Department of Human Services.

# On Call Child Protection Worker

- There were 292 total calls on the on-call phone in 2020.
  - Some of these were multiple calls about 1 incident. Some of these calls were about expired car warranties. 😊
  - The on call phone received 61 calls in November. Most months averaged 24.
  - Parent child conflict was the primary reason for calls. Workers were able to assist law enforcement with problem solving, reaching out to the Mobile Crisis Response Unit, and existing resources.
  - We have implemented new tracking sheets for 2021.

# Summary

- Child safety always has been and will continue to be our top priority.
- The Systems of Care Grant has increased the community based resources to help reduce the need for residential treatment.
  - Staffing for the Regional CIBS therapist created a hardship for this resource.
- Our skilled and dedicated staff make this work possible!
- Questions? Thank you!

# Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board

## 2-16-2021 COVID-19 Update

- **COVID-19 Situation Awareness**  
Nina Arneson, HHS Director
- **Response Planning & Emergency Preparedness**  
Heather Arndt, HHS Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- **Response Operations**  
Brooke Hawkenson, Family Health Supervisor  
Ruth Greenslade, Healthy Communities Supervisor
- **Response Communications**  
Jessica Seide, Community Health Specialist / Public Information Officer
- **COOP - Agency Responsibilities**  
Kris Johnson, Deputy Director & Mike Zorn, Deputy Director



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- <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus>
- <https://mn.gov/covid19>
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**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**



**Monthly Update  
Chemical Dependency (CD) Placements  
Consolidated Funding – January 2021**

**In-Patient Approval:4**

Age Range	Total Placed	Total of Previous Treatments
15-25		
26-36	1	2
37-47	3	9
48-58		
59-99		

**In-Patient Placement Facilities:** NorthStar Regional, Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

**Outpatient Approvals: 5**

Age Range	Total Placed	Total of Previous Treatments
15-25		
26-36	3	11
37-47	2	2
48-58		
59-99		

**Outpatient Placement Facilities:** Moment 2 Moment, Common Ground, and Valhalla

**Number of Assessments / Updates Scheduled: 18**

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**Monthly Update  
Child Protection Assessments/Investigations**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>January</b>	21	25	21	16	20
<b>February</b>	22	21	20	30	
<b>March</b>	17	27	34	19	
<b>April</b>	17	22	20	15	
<b>May</b>	31	19	23	21	
<b>June</b>	28	23	16	10	
<b>July</b>	21	22	16	12	
<b>August</b>	33	11	19	17	
<b>September</b>	20	17	25	18	
<b>October</b>	28	28	29	25	
<b>November</b>	19	22	24	21	
<b>December</b>	16	19	21	14	
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>20</b>

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Goodhue County  
**Health and Human Services**

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**TO:** Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board  
**FROM:** Nina Arneson, GCHHS Director  
**DATE:** February 16, 2021  
**RE:** 2021 February Staffing Report

Outgoing Employee	Rate of Pay *	Classification	New Employee	Rate of Pay *	Step	Hire Date
Molly Matthees	\$16.62	Office Support Specialist	Katie Kosmach	\$16.31	1	2/4/21

*\*Rate of pay does not include additional compensation factors such as FICA, Medicare, pension and individual benefit elections which are confidential.*

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