

**Board of Commissioners**

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COUNTY BOARD – PROPOSED ADDENDUM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2020, 9:00 A.M.  
NOBLES COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**7.0 Administration Presentations**

7.3 Child Care Aware – Resolution 202103 *(Action)*



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## **COMMISSIONER BRIEFING**

*February 2, 2021*

*Child Care Aware*

*Tom Johnson, Administration*

### **Issue:**

For the first time since Child Care Resource and Referral/Child Care Aware services were implemented statewide in 1989, DHS (Department of Human Services) is requiring agencies to re-apply to deliver Child Care Aware services.

### **Discussion:**

Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC) will be submitting an application to remain the Region 8 Child Care Aware agency for the counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock Counties. DHS first awarded the program to SMOC in 1989 and Karen DeBoer has been with that program since that award. Her knowledge and experience has great value and supporting that program remaining with SMOC is appropriate. She has spoken to us numerous times on the childcare issues in our county. Region 8 Child Care Aware advocates for childcare and early childhood settings. Their goal is to ensure every child in Southwestern Minnesota has the opportunity to thrive and has access to quality early childhood care and education. They also strive to assist the programs providing childcare and education access the resources and support they need. Their focus has always been to support existing child care providers/programs as well as assist in the creation of solutions to meet community needs.

Community Services also supports the activity remaining in SMOC.

### **Options:**

Pass a resolution in support of maintaining the Child Care Aware program in SMOC.

### **Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution 202103 supporting SMOC as the agency to continue providing Child Care Aware services.

RESOLUTION 202103

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Nobles County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Nobles supports Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. to continue as the Child Care Aware service provider for Region 8.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA )

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COUNTY OF NOBLES )

I, Tom Johnson, Administrator of said County of Nobles, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution adopted by the County Board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and now remaining on file and of record in my office and that the same is a correct transcript and of the whole of such original.

Witness my hand and official seal this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Tom Johnson, County Administrator  
Nobles County, Minnesota