

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Draft

Committee Members Present:

Vernon Awes
Kathy Barker
Jim Carlson
Roberta Elvecrog
Mickey Gault
Kami Genz, CMCC
Renee Larson
David Leaf
Sara Math, AFSCME Union Rep
Cheryl Meld
Michele Plagman
Commissioner Anne Marcotte
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Others Present:

Patrick Wussow, Administrator
Sue Hruza, Clerk Pro Tem to this Committee
Susan Cebelinski, Social Service Supervisor
Ronda Shaw, LAC

Absent:

Bob Lewis
Tricia Martin

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Vern Awes, seconded by Commissioner Laurie Westerlund, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda as mailed.

II. Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2012 Meeting

Motion by Renee Larson, seconded by Cheryl Meld, and carried, the vote was to approve the February 1, 2012, minutes as mailed

III. Mental Health – Local Area Council (LAC) – Ronda Shaw & Susan Cebelinski

The general focus of the LAC is to bring a group of people together to discuss ideas and services to better serve mental health needs in Aitkin County. A six county Mental Health Initiative that includes Wadena, Todd, Morrison, Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin Counties receives funds from the state to develop community based services. Every two years a plan is submitted to the state for approval to receive these funds. The LAC plays a very important role in the planning piece for the Initiative by identifying needs and challenges such as transportation to services and housing and to recruit providers such as Lutheran Social Services, Bridges, and Northern Pines to develop some of these programs. A support group has been started in McGregor as well as Aitkin. Community outreach activities include health fairs, Wild Rice Days, Community Connect, etc., putting out flyers, posters and brochures promoting Mental Wellness.

IV. Hot Topics for Discussion

A. Follow-up re: Arrowhead Transit – Roberta contacted them for more information.

1. They have already distributed information to radio stations, newspapers, etc.
2. They do have a route to Mora from McGrath on the second Tuesday of the month but that has not been added to their brochure or website. They do not go to Duluth.
3. They are in Aitkin on Monday and Wednesday though they make a trip every day for DAC. They will be updating the website soon.
4. Paulbeck's is no longer doing Meals On Wheels. Rosallini's won the bid for that program.

V. Comments:

A. Comments from the Committee Members for the Commissioners relative to HHS

B. Feedback from the Board Meeting – Roberta Elvecrog, Bob Lewis and Dave Leaf

C. Committee Members to attend Board Meetings the first six months in 2012 –

MARCH 27	Sara Math	Roberta Elvecrog
APRIL 24	Bob Lewis	Roberta Elvecrog
MAY 22	Kathy Barker	Dave Leaf
JUNE 26	Jim Carlson	Michele Plagman
JULY 24	Roberta Elvecrog	Vern Awes

VI. Community Recognition

A. Community Recognition – The first bullet point in Community Recognition Criteria was discussed with the point made that a person who is paid for a service should be eligible for recognition if they went above and beyond their paid duty.

Motion was made by Renee Larson, seconded by Vern Awes, and carried; the vote was to eliminate the first bullet point in the Community Recognition Criteria.

VII. Miscellaneous Discussion – Nothing Noted.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Vern Awes, seconded by Jim Carlson, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Roberta Elvecrog, Chairperson

Sue Anne Hruza, Acting-Clerk to
Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

The following documents were included in the packet of information sent to members for review prior to the meeting or distributed at the meeting:

- Draft copy of the Minutes of the February 1, 2012, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft copy of the February 28, 2012, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Aitkin County Local Advisory Council (LAC) – Report & Recommendations to Aitkin County Board of Commissioners – December 2011
- LAC Handbook
- Glossary/Acronyms List
- By-Laws of the Aitkin County Mental Health Advisory Council (6-15-10)