

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Committee Members Present: Vernon Awes
Roberta Elvecrog
Mickey Gault
Kami Genz, CMCC
Renee Larson
David Leaf
Robert Lewis
Bob Marcum
Tricia Martin, ACCare
Cheryl Meld
Beverly Mensing
Michele Plagman
Jessica Seibert, HRA
Jessi Schultz, AFSCME Union Rep
Commissioner Anne Marcotte

Others Present: Tom Burke, Director
Julie Lueck, Clerk to this Committee

Absent: Jim Carlson
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Welcomed Kari Paulsen to the committee and the committee members introduced themselves to her.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Bob Lewis, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda with the revisions.

II. Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Bob Lewis, seconded by Vern Awes, and carried; the vote was to approve the February 6, 2013, minutes as mailed.

III. Legislative Updates (Legislative Entitlements at Federal Level) – Tom Burke reviewed the “Why Counties Matter” handout which talks about what the counties do. He also discussed the NACO Health Steering Committee he serves on which covers public health, insurance, and home care or senior related services. Four areas they want to work on includes: Protecting the Federal, State & Local Partnership for Medicaid, Funding the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund, and Extend Health Benefit Coverage to Pre-Trail Jail Inmates. He also reviewed the Association of MN Counties Update handout which is the Commissioners group on down to the local level. Tom discussed the H&HS Technology Modernization and the need for the updates to the Department of Human Services data systems. He also talked about how we are trying to be more portable for folks using their i-phones, i-pads, etc to make application for services. No new cost shifts or cost shares is another area of importance AMC is working on.

IV. Update from Sub-Committee/Task Force – Jessica Seibert discussed the revisions made to the By-Laws which specifically addressed III.3 Task Forces and the need to keep the list of Task Forces congruent with what is in the Statutes. *Motion by Jessica Seibert, seconded by Roberta Elvecrog, and carried, to approve the revisions to the Bylaws to include removing Budget from the list under III.3 Task Forces and adding Corrections to coincide with what is written in the Statute.* The committee also reviewed the revised Job Description. *Motion by Vern Awes, seconded by Bob Lewis, and carried, to approve and accept the revised Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee Job Description.*

V. Advisory Committee Member Participation in Health & Human Services

Budget Discussion – Tom Burke discussed the feasibility of having a small group (1-8 people) to have ongoing budget discussions on a monthly basis (probably the hour before the monthly Advisory Committee meetings) starting in June. *Motion by Jessica Seibert, seconded by Bob Lewis, and carried, the vote was to approve the formation of a Budget Sub-Committee.* Committee members interested in serving on the budget sub-committee should contact Tom Burke as the point person.

Discussion relative to the formation of the task forces and committee members interested in serving on them will wait until a brief explanation of each of the four areas (Mental Health, Public Health, Social Services and Corrections) can be developed and provided to the members. (Julie will be the point person for members to contact if they are interested in serving on one of the task forces.)

VI. Comments:

A. Comments from the Committee Members for the Commissioners relative to HHS – Nothing noted.

B. Feedback from the Board Meeting – Feb. 26 or March 26 – Bob Lewis/Roberta Elvecrog
Discussion relative to comments at the H&HS Board meeting taking on the “ripple effect”. Tom explained the dialogue at the Board meeting that came to the attention of NACO noting he was contacted by NACO staff for clarification.

C. Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming Board Meetings in 2013 -

April 23	Vernon Awes	&	Dave Leaf
May 28	Jessica Seibert	&	Roberta Elvecrog
June 25	Jim Carlson	&	Michele Plagman
July 23	Jessica Seibert	&	Roberta Elvecrog

VII. Community Recognition

A. Great River Strings – Tabled at the January meeting for discussion relative to presentation during March or April. Discussion at February meeting indicated a presentation at the April concert in front of the folks attending & members of the orchestra. Discussion at this meeting determined that the presentation should be made at the Concert on either April 13th in Deerwood or April 14th in Aitkin. Tricia Martin offered to make the presentation.

VIII. Miscellaneous Discussion

A. Community Meal – Continue to Serve? (Dave Leaf) Tabled until the May meeting.

B. Topics for Discussion (June-Dec.) - (Dave Leaf) Discussion led to holding off on scheduling any further out as we have HRA Regulations with Susan Cebelinski and Jessica Seibert presenting on May 1st. After that, we will wait to see what information is forthcoming from the Task Forces as they develop and report back to this committee.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Jessica Seibert, seconded by Tricia Martin, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Dave Leaf, Chairperson

Julie Lueck, 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 6, 2013, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Copy of the February 26, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Draft copy of the March 26, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Topics for Discussion/Presentations for 2013 and Listing of Past Presentations 2008-2012
- Bridges Out of Poverty Postcard Invitation for a Special Educational Opportunity
- NACO Policy Updates (Why Counties Matter)
- AMC Policy for Human Services Update