

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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

Others Present: Julie Lueck, Clerk to this Committee

Absent:

- I. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Berta Elvecrog, seconded by Bob Lewis, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda as presented.
- II. **Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2013 Meeting**
Motion by Bob Lewis, seconded by Jessica Seibert, and carried; the vote was to approve the June 5, 2013, minutes as mailed.
- III. **Community Meal – Sign up to work with AFSCME Union Members serving and providing food for the Monday, August 26th meal at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin and/or the Monday, October 7th meal at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.**
- IV. **Task Force Reports/Updates:**
 - A. **Corrections – Cheryl noted the group met once but nothing new to report at this meeting.**
 - B. **Public Health – Bob Marcum attended and discussed the fact that Cynthia reviewed the various programs within Public Health.**
 - C. **Children’s Social Services/Mental Health – Sue Tange noted that she met with Bev Mensing for about two hours and Bev noted how broad based child welfare services are.**
 - D. **Adult Social Services/Mental Health – Has not met because we do not have a supervisor for that area at this time.**

V. **Budget Committee Report/Update – Jim Carlson and Jessica Seibert met on June 20th with Kathy Ryan and also had an eye opening discussion. Kathy noted that she has just put together the preliminary budget that goes to Board on August 20th. What are some of the variable budget items that are not necessarily mandated. The cash grant portion of the budget is pretty small in relation to the rest of the budget. The largest expenditure is MA related (Medical). The levy money is actually filling in the blanks of the state and federal funding.**

VI. **Comments:**

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

1. Dave Leaf wants the two commissioners to go back to the Board noting that these task forces are going to be very beneficial at getting additional information out.

B. **Feedback from the Board Meetings – June 25 – Jim Carlson / Michele Plagman –**

1. Michelle Plagman questioned a “second to the motion” versus the use of “supporting the motion”.
2. Acronyms list.

July 23 – Jessica Seibert / Roberta Elvecrog

3. Michelle noted that things are on track with our budget.

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

August 27	Bob Lewis	&	Roberta Elvecrog
September 24	Dave Leaf	&	Roberta Elvecrog
October 22	Jim Carlson	&	Roberta Elvecrog
November 26	Mickey Gault	&	Cheryl Meld
December 17	Renee Larson	&	Cheryl Meld

VI. **Miscellaneous Discussion**

- A. Jessica Seibert noted that a letter is coming out soon noting that we are not doing an Operation Community Connect in October and will be changing to an 18 month cycle so they will be alternating a spring and fall event.
- B. Michelle Plagman extended our sympathy to Berta Elvecrog in the loss of her grandma Esther Hoge.
- C. Kami noted that there is a brat and pop sale on Friday from 10:30 – 1:30 at Paulbeck’s by the Sobriety Court folks.
- D. Question as to what is next for the task force meetings and who is on the committees. It was noted that it is up to the task force to determine a schedule to meet and what to discuss.
- E. Michelle asked about having a tour of the building and meet with the staff.
- F. Cheryl Meld discussed the CAPC meetings held at HHS monthly and the theme this year is (Awareness & Education group) If you know of people who would like to participate in a county initiative they are open to new members as they meet the first week of the month at noon
- G. Berta noted that MN has decreased in childhood obesity.
- H. Bob Marcum introduced his husband, Joel Hoppe as a guest at this meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Bob Lewis, seconded by Jim Carlson, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 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 June 5, 2013, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Copy of the June 25, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Draft Copy of the July 23, 2013 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes