

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Committee Members Present: Marlene Abear
Diane Eastman, AFSCME Union Rep.
Roberta Elvecrog
Kami Genz, CMCC
Darlene Hlidek
Gayle Janzen
Joy Janzen
Kristine Layne, Riverwood HealthCare
Bob Marcum
Bev Mensing, Red Cross
Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation
Jessica Seibert, HRA
Amanda Voller, Workforce Center
Commissioner Anne Marcotte
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Others Present: Tom Burke, Director
Sue Tange, Social Service Supervisor
Ann Rivas, Social Service Supervisor
Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Advisory Committee

Guests: Joel Hoppe
Brenda Butterfield, Social Worker
Amanda Flier, Social Worker
Stacy Nissen, Social Worker
Deb Tuper, Social Worker
Rae Zahn, Social Worker
Holly Bray, Committee Applicant

Absent: Jim Carlson

Introduction of Guests & Visitors. Holly Bray from District 5 as a potential committee member. Five Child Protection Social Workers introduced themselves, giving their years of service to the agency and a brief description of the work they do. They were: Rae Zahn, Brenda Butterfield, Stacy Nissen, Amanda Flier, and Deb Tuper.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Jessica Seibert, and carried, the vote was to approve the Agenda as presented.

II. Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Meeting

Motion by Bev Mensing, seconded by Gayle Janzen, and carried, the vote was to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting as presented.

III. Governor's Task Force (Child Protection) – Tom Burke / Sue Tange - Tom reviewed and

discussed the Task Force Recommendations document that was handed out. Major issues are the caseload numbers and staff to cover those caseloads; funding for the additional staff as well as the fact we will have more children in foster care increasing the need for more funding in that area, He went into more detail in each of the following areas: the Training and Supervision Overview; Screening and Transparency; Data Systems and SSIS changes; Recommendations for further study or workgroups; and Foster Care Recommendations.

IV. Task Force Reports/Updates:

- A. Corrections** - Kami Genz/Roberta Elvecrog - Nothing to report.
- B. Public Health** – Bob Marcum / Kristine Layne - Bob Marcum reported on the initiatives he has become aware of and the websites where this information is available so folks can make public comments in response. He passed around documents for members to look over including a letter from the Governor addressed to the Legislative Leaders; the 2015 Mental Health Reform which addresses building a continuum of MH Care for all Minnesotans; and the 2017 Innovation Waiver Progress Report.

It was noted that Erin Melz sent out an e-mail regarding a presentation called, “Be a Public Health Policy Maker” Video Conference to be held on Tuesday, **April 21st at Noon** in the Health & Human Services Building. Please contact Erin to register to attend this presentation. It was also noted that Ann Rivas also sent out an e-mail regarding the “Let’s Make it Okay” presentation to be held on **May 21st at Noon** at the Aitkin Public Library which is sponsored by the Aitkin County LAC on Mental Health.

- C. Children’s Social Services/Mental Health** – Katie Nelson/Darlene Hlidek - Nothing to Report. (Bev Mensing asked to be removed from this Task Force.)
- D. Adult Social Services/Mental Health** – Jessica Seibert / Bob Marcum / Marlene Abear - Nothing to Report.

V. Budget Committee Report/Update – Jim Carlson / Jessica Seibert - Nothing to Report.

VI. Comments:

- A. Comments from the Committee Members for the Commissioners relative to HHS** – No Comments at this time.
- B. Feedback from the Board Meetings – March 24, 2015 – Bob Marcum / Roberta Elvecrog** - Roberta discussed the repetition of questions at the Board Meetings from previous presentations.

C. Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming Board Meetings in 2015:

APRIL 28	Darlene Hlidek	Marlene Abear	MAY 26	Gayle Janzen	Katie Nelson
JUNE 23	_____	_____	JULY 28	_____	_____
AUGUST 25	Bob Marcum	_____	SEPTEMBER 22	Jessica Seibert	Marlene Abear
OCTOBER 27	Jim Carlson	Amanda Voller	NOVEMBER 24	Bob Marcum	_____
DECEMBER 22	_____	_____			

VII. Miscellaneous Discussion

- A. LAC (Aitkin County Local Advisory Council on Mental Health) Event– Thursday, May 21 – Noon at the Aitkin Public Library “Let’s Make it OK” Presentation-**
This was discussed under IV. – B.
- B. Legislative Meeting** – Tom Burke reported that both Ann Rivas and Erin Melz had been in St. Paul and met with the legislators (Senator Carrie Ruud and Representative Dale Lueck). We

also had a meeting with Rep. Lueck who came to our office as well as Sen. Ruud via a telephone conference call. With the Governor's Task Force Recommendations affecting child protection programs, we are going to want to meet with them again on many different levels including with the CJI (Children's Justice Initiative) Committee which is comprised of the Judge, County Attorney, Sheriff, and H&HS staff.

- C. **Thank yous** were extended to the folks that helped with and provided goodies for the McGregor Community Meal.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Bev Mensing, seconded by Gayle Janzen, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Joy Janzen, Chairperson

Julie Lueck, Clerk to the
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 March 4, 2015, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft Copy of March 24, 2015, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Task Force Recommendations
- Circulated the following documents which will be e-mailed to the committee members at a later date:
 - * Letter from the Governor addressed to the Legislative Leaders
 - * 2015 Mental Health Reform which addresses building a continuum of MH Care for all Minnesotans
 - * 2017 Innovation Waiver Progress Report.