

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2015**

I. Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of May, 2015, at 9:05 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Don Niemi, and Laurie Westerlund; and others present included: County Administrator Nathan Burkett; H&HS Staff Members Tom Burke, Director; Sue Tange & Ann Rivas, Social Service Supervisors; Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor; Eileen Foss, Income Maintenance Supervisor; Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Adam Hoogenakker, Aitkin Independent Age; Gayle Janzen, Katie Nelson, and Roberta Elvecrog, H&HS Advisory Committee Members; Marcia Mehle and Jack Larson, Arrowhead Transit; and Steve Hughes, SWCD.

II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda.

III. Review April 28, 2015 Health & Human Service Board Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes as mailed/posted.

IV. Review Bills

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried; the vote was to approve the Bills as presented this date.

V. General/Miscellaneous Information

A. Legislative Updates –

1. Governor's Task Force – Tom Burke / Sue Tange – Tom Burke discussed the Governor's Task force. There are presently 92 recommendations as a result of the findings of the task force. MACSSA has a sub group working on prioritizing the recommendations. The goal is to have a voice on how the implementation plays out. It is hoped MACSSA can impact the order in which the recommendations will roll out as well.

2. Public Health Funding – Tom Burke / Erin Melz discussed the fact that there are three important factors that came through with funding. 1) Local Public Health Fund Grant restored 29% of the previous cuts. 2) TANF (Home Visiting) maintained the base and added a little more funding. 3) SHIP base funding was maintained.

VI. Contracts / Resolutions

A. Facilities Use Agreement – Pine Technical College – Sue Tange - Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried; the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Facilities Use Agreement with Pine Technical College for the use of meeting space for training presentations to Aitkin County Day Care and Foster Care Home Providers.

- B. Resolution – Request for Proposals to Provide Health Care Services –
Tom Burke / Erin Melz

Request for Proposals to Provide Health Care Services

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request For Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in 87 Minnesota counties including Aitkin County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the RFP proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS, Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota, UCare, Medica and Health Partners submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Aitkin County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Aitkin County Health & Human Services have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

WHEREAS, UCare and Health Partners have submitted proposals suitable to meet our needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Aitkin County Health & Human Services approving UCare and Health Partners as Managed Care Organization(s) (MCO(s)) providing managed health care services in Aitkin County.

Commissioner Westerlund moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:
Members Present: 5 ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES"

VII. Administrative Reports:

- A. Financial & Transportation Reports – Kathleen Ryan reviewed and discussed various aspects of the Financial, Foster Care, and Transportation Reports. Kathleen also reviewed two client illustrations as to how bills are paid and reported at various levels.

VIII. Joint Powers Board Reports:

- A. Tri-County Community Health Services Board (CHS)
Commissioner Westerlund / Erin Melz / Tom Burke - Erin updated the Board on their May 13, 2015 Meeting noting that they are now looking at applications for a Public Health Planner to train to become the PH Administrator. Lack of actual experience is missing even with extensive college education for the former applicants/candidates. Interviews for a PH Planner will take place June 11th. It was also noted that Ed Ellinger, Commissioner of Health will attend an event in International Falls.

IX. Committee Reports from Commissioners

- A. H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioners Westerlund and/or Marcotte
Meeting updates from Committee Members: Gayle Janzen & Katie Nelson
Draft minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting. A brief update was given which referenced the enclosed minutes of the May 6th meeting.

- B. AEOA Committee Update – Commissioner Westerlund noted that her meeting is in June. Jack Larson and Marcia Mehle from Arrowhead Transit updated the Commissioners on the Rural Rides which will be expanding and begin soon in Aitkin County. This program is to develop innovative solutions to meet the needs of workers and job seekers. The coordinator will be housed in the Aitkin Workforce Center. They are asking for a monetary investment and show of support for the program from Aitkin County. The Board tabled the discussion for a couple weeks until after their District meeting on June 11-12.
- C. NEMOJT Committee Update – Commissioner Napstad noted they have not met. He updated the Board on the Environmental Quality Board meeting he attended.
- D. CJI (Children’s Justice Initiative) – Commissioner Westerlund updated the Board on the recent meeting noting CHI Permanency Conference coming up in September and the new legislation becoming effective July 1st with respect to Adoption and Juvenile Protection Rules.
- E. Lakes & Pines Update – Commissioner Niemi updated the Commissioners on the results of the Community Survey noting transportation is a critical factor, cost of utilities and the need for research for alternative energy sources, and the lack of dentists accepting low income patients with medical care insurance due to the low reimbursement rates.
- F. Update on Mental Health Presentations – Ann Rivas updated the Board on the recent presentations noting that Shelley Britton from NAMI led a MH discussion from her perspective of struggling with it all her life. Commissioner Wedel noted that two main points were breaking down barriers and removing the stigma with respect to what we accept whether it is physical problems or mental health issues.

X. Break at 9:51 a.m. for 15 minutes

Next Meeting – June 23, 2015