

## Strategic Theme: Community Wellbeing and Health

Primary Departments of responsibility: Health and Human Services

Secondary Departments of responsibility: Sheriff's Department, County Attorney

### Overview

### Values

- We value dignity and respect for the individual, families and our community in all we do.
- We value helping individuals and families to realize their full potential and to build and maintain self-sufficiency to the greatest extent possible
- We value the ability of families and our community to support people in need, and strive to make connections outside of typical governmental channels.
- We value taking pro-active steps to help individuals and families; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

## **OBJECTIVE: ENSURE THE SAFETY OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY**

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### **Importance**

- Essential function of government and measure of society to provide for protection of those who cannot protect themselves.
- Children who are at risk or grow up in abusive homes have a strong tendency to be higher users of government services in the long term.
- Long term governmental costs can be controlled when we maintain safety of vulnerable members of society.
- The community as a whole is strengthened when the most vulnerable members are supported to lead safe, productive lives.

### **Intent**

- Strive to ensure that vulnerable individuals in the county are physically safe at all times whether at home or in the care of others
- Preserve the financial security of vulnerable individuals.
- Hold the rights and dignity of vulnerable individuals above the rights of their caretakers.
- Promote positive mental well-being to support children/adults living with mental illness.
- Seek to use community and family support structures to keep vulnerable individuals safe and promote permanent living situations.

### **Measures**

- Percent of children with a maltreatment determination who do not experience a repeat maltreatment determination within six months.
- Percent of vulnerable adults with a substantiated or inconclusive maltreatment allegation who do not experience a subsequent substantiated or inconclusive maltreatment allegation within six months.
- Percent of children discharged from out-of-home placement to reunification who were reunified within 12 months.
- Number of adult protection cases investigated
- Number of adult protection cases not investigated but opened to offer adult preservation services.
- Number of participants at trainings in the community to promote mental well being and break down stigma around mental health

### **Initiatives**

TBD

**OBJECTIVE: PROVIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

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**Importance**

- A healthy population is an indicator of community stability
- Healthy populations result in lower governmental costs for health care and other governmental service
- Healthy populations have a higher economic potential

**Intent**

- Strive to ensure that vulnerable individuals in the county are physically safe at all times whether at home or in the care of others
- Preserve the financial security of vulnerable individuals.
- Hold the rights and dignity of vulnerable individuals above the rights of their caretakers.
- Be proactive, to break the cycle of domestic violence and at risk behavior.
- Seek to use community and family support structures to keep vulnerable individuals safe and promote permanent living situations.

**Measures**

- Percent of health care assistance applicants processed within mandated timelines
- Number of media articles submitted to local newspapers and flyers distributed monthly to designated locations as outlined in the H&HS Media Plan protocol
- Percent of mothers receiving prenatal care in the first trimester
- Number of trainings provided to educate the community about the Adverse Childhood Experiences [ACE's] study
- Number of people reached with the "Make It Ok" or "Question, Persuade and Refer" trainings by a trained presenter
- Number of events held to promote increased participation in physical activity by families as documented for Aitkin's work in the A-I-K CHIP [Aitkin-Itasca-Koochiching Community Health Improvement Plan]

**Initiatives**

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**OBJECTIVE: ADMINISTER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS WHILE PROVIDING EDUCATION AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

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**Importance**

- Financial instability can in many times cause other types of instability, by providing a base point for financial well being, many other higher level risks can be avoided

**Intent**

- Efficiently and effectively administer financial support programs
- Use interactions and communications with low risk individuals and families to offer community based resources, education and other opportunities to help ensure that risks and negative outcomes do not increase because of financial circumstances
- Foster dignity and self-sufficiency while helping individuals and families realize their full economic potential

**Measures**

- Percent of expedited Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications processed within one business day.
- Percent of SNAP and cash assistance applications processed within mandated timelines.
- Workforce Center Measure of Minnesota Family Investment Program/Diversionsary Work Program Self-Support Index per Work Participation Reports on Deed Self-Support Index emailed to NEMOJT quarterly.
- Percent of open child support cases with an order established.

**Initiatives**

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**OBJECTIVE: PRO-ACTIVELY HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES REACH THEIR HIGHEST POSSIBLE POTENTIAL**

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**Importance**

- Being proactive is the greatest cost control opportunity that the county has
- By being proactive the county can intervene at the appropriate level to help ensure that individual or family situations do not devolve

**Intent**

- Focus on prevention instead of cure and get resources to individuals and families before they have a significant problem
- Use data and analysis of risk signals to determine the best use of available resources to decrease costs and increase positive outcomes
- Intervene and/or offer assistance to at risk individuals and families at the right time to decrease the possibility of negative outcomes

**Measures**

- Percent of food support applications processed within mandated timelines
- Percent of Medicaid enrolled children with a completed Child and Teen Checkup.
- Percent of Medical Assistance applications processed within mandated timelines.

**Initiatives**

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