

# AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

- Committee Members Present:** Marlene Abear  
Holly Bray  
Kim DeMenge  
Diane Eastman, AFSCME Union Rep.  
Roberta Elvecrog  
Kami Genz, CMCC  
Carole Holten  
Joy Janzen  
Kristine Layne, Riverwood HealthCare  
Julie Anne Larkin  
Bob Marcum  
Bev Mensing, Red Cross
- Others Present:** Jessi Goble, Income Maintenance Supervisor  
Jessi Schultz, Social Service Supervisor  
Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor  
Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Advisory Committee
- Guests:** Joel Hoppe  
Joell Miranda, Secretary of the Hill City School Board
- Absent:** Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation  
Amanda Voller, Workforce Center  
Commissioner Anne Marcotte  
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
- I. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Bev Mensing and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda with the addition of Joell Miranda under III. Committee Member Update and discussion on Amy Wyant Reprimand under V.-B. PH Task Force
- II. Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2016 Meeting**  
Motion by Diane Eastman, seconded by Carole Holten, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting
- III. Committee Member Input / Updates - Must be informational in nature, relative to Aitkin County Health & Human Services and not exceed (5) minutes per person.**
- BM: Joell Miranda - Secretary of the Hill City School Board -** Ms. Miranda had questions with respect to the County Health Educator Position and when it would be filled.
- IV. MNSure Update - Jessi Goble, Financial Services Supervisor**  
Jessi noted the program is getting better as the uninsured rate is now at approximately 4.3% which is the lowest it has been. The healthcare caseload has increased by 700+ cases since 2013 and we have not hired additional staff to manage the caseload. Currently we have 2.75 staff in the MNSure area because we were able to add one staff person since April which has helped. Migration from our old MAXIS system to the METS (MN Eligibility Technology Systems) will begin this fall. PDM (Periodic

Data Match through DEED (Department of Employment & Economic Development) will also add to our workload as there are 1100 cases in MNSURE that will get hit by data matches requiring forms to be sent out in order for us to enter correct data. Jessi went on to explain further details of the program areas and answered questions.

**V. Task Force Reports/Updates:**

- A. Corrections** - Kami Genz / Roberta Elvecrog / Julie Anne Larkin  
The Corrections Task Force met today and will have a standing meeting each month the Advisory Committee meets and will meet at 2:30 on those dates. They talked about the Adult / Juvenile Agreements.
- B. Public Health** – Bob Marcum / Kristine Layne / Holly Bray  
This Task Force has not had a meeting since the last report.
- C. Children’s Social Services/Mental Health** – Katie Nelson / Holly Bray  
This Task Force has not had a meeting yet. Jessi Schultz encouraged them to let her know when they are ready to meet.
- D. Adult Social Services/Mental Health** – Bob Marcum / Marlene Abear / Carole Holten  
Introduction of Heather Overn the new Social Service Supervisor for Adult Services.  
This Task Force has not had a meeting since Ann left and no meeting will be scheduled until Heather has been given time to adjust to her new position.

**VI. Budget Committee Report/Update** – Roberta Elvecrog / Joy Janzen

Kathleen Ryan noted she had just received budget direction from Nate Burkett, County Administrator, and will begin the budgeting process the end of June. She will let committee folks know when she has numbers together to review with them.

**VII. Comments:**

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

No Commissioners were in attendance today so no comments were discussed.

**B. Feedback from the Board Meetings**

**1. May 24, 2016 – Roberta Elvecrog & Carole Holten**

Roberta was unable to attend but Carole noted that she was impressed with the amount of time spent on Health & Human Services topics. One discussion involved the placements and costs at the facility in Anoka that the county pays for. Mental Health problems have been shifted to the counties to handle rather than at the state level. She also noted Don Niemi's report from Lakes & Pines that home visits are stopping due to a Federal decision and HeadStart will be moving to a Center-based facility instead of home visits. We have transportation issues in Aitkin Count that will no doubt affect the participation. This should not affect the WRAP Program in Aitkin County.

**C. Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming Board Meetings in 2016:**

JUNE 28	Kristine Layne	Holly Bray
JULY 26	Joy Janzen	Holly Bray
AUGUST 23	Bob Marcum	Holly Bray
SEPTEMBER 27	_____	_____
OCTOBER 25	_____	_____
NOVEMBER 22	_____	_____
DECEMBER 27	_____	_____

### VIII. Adjourn

*Motion by Bev Mensing, seconded by Kami Genz, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. with the reminder that we do NOT have a meeting in July.*

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Joy Janzen, Chairperson

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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 May 4, 2016, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft copy of the May 24, 2016, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Aitkin County Health Care Numbers 2013 - Current Chart
- Health Care Caseload Statistics 2004-April 2016 Graph