

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

VIII. - A.

September 7, 2016

Committee Members Present: Holly Bray
Kim DeMenge
Roberta Elvecrog
Carole Holten
Joy Janzen
Kristine Layne, Riverwood HealthCare
Julie Anne Larkin
Bob Marcum
Bev Mensing, Red Cross
Amanda Voller, Workforce Center
Commissioner Anne Marcotte
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Others Present: Tom Burke, Director
Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor
Heather Overn, Social Service Supervisor
Jessi Goble, Income Maintenance Supervisor
Jessi Schultz, Social Service Supervisor
Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor
Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Advisory Committee

Guests: Joel Hoppe

Absent: Marlene Abear
Diane Eastman, AFSCME Union Rep.
Kami Genz, CMCC
Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation

- I. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Bev Mensing, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda.
- II. Approval of Minutes of the August 3, 2016 Meeting**
Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Carole Holten, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the August 3, 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.** Nothing added.
- IV. Family Service Collaborative - Jessi Schultz, Erin Melz, and Kathy Ryan**
The following handouts were distributed: (1) Family Services Collaborative report and (2) the Minnesota Department of Education - Parent Frequently Asked Questions for Early Childhood Screening. Kathy Ryan reviewed the Family Services Collaborative handout and answered questions. Erin discussed the Early Childhood Screening handout and answered questions.

V. Task Force Reports/Updates:

A. Corrections - Kami Genz / Roberta Elvecrog / Julie Anne Larkin - Did not meet.

B. Public Health – Bob Marcum / Kristine Layne / Holly Bray - Met today with Erin Melz and discussed the Public Health Educator position noting we have a roster and the hiring process is moving forward.

Public Health is finalizing the fall immunization schedule.

It was noted that Riverwood has switched to the Central Region Coalition and Public Health will remain with the Northeast Coalition for Emergency Preparedness. We are looking forward to continuing our collaboration with Riverwood with new ideas and sharing.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee is looking to get more community members involved with a meeting on October 19th at the Aitkin Public Library.

C. Children’s Social Services/Mental Health – Katie Nelson / Holly Bray noted that they met and discussed the fact that Northland Counseling Center will be opening an office in Aitkin. Holly also said they discussed the difference between assessments and investigations.

D. Adult Social Services/Mental Health – Bob Marcum / Marlene Abear / Carole Holten
It was noted that they have not yet met and will use e-mails to schedule a date to meet.

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

Kathy Ryan has preliminary budget numbers which Nate Burkett, County Administrator, will present at the September 13th Board meeting. This Committee will schedule a meeting following that date.

VII. Volunteers for Preparing & Serving the Community Meal in Aitkin on Monday, Sept. 12, 2016

Roberta Elvecrog added her name to the list and it was determined that with the additional volunteer family members of committee members, there should be adequate help at the meal.

VIII. Comments:

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

Nothing noted.

B. Feedback from the Board Meeting

1. August 23, 2016 – Roberta Elvecrog & Bob Marcum

Discussion relative to Behavioral Health Homes, Mental Health Parity (shut down service options expecting new options to take over), lack of providers in the county, mandate for social workers for child abuse situations noted that we have always been way above but we did hire one staff person. Roberta Elvecrog noted there was Per Diem discussion at the meeting. Bob Marcum discussed the Anoka bills at \$1300 per day and noted discussion relative to the Board choosing to not pay the bill to keep it in the forefront. Tom Burke noted that the Federal Government requires the States to meet minimum standards for behavioral health homes. They took away secure facilities and now consumers can be in private homes with one-to-one staff 24/7 at an extremely high cost. Tom noted that MACSSA will be writing letters to the legislators and newspapers to include personal stories from our counties.

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

SEPTEMBER 27	Katie Nelson	Amanda Voller
OCTOBER 25	Carole Holton	Marlene Abear
NOVEMBER 22	_____	_____
DECEMBER 27	_____	_____

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Holly Bray, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 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 August 3, 2016, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft Copy of the August 23, 2016 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Copy of the Sign-Up Sheet for serving the Community Meal at First Lutheran in Aitkin on September 12, 2016
- Family Services Collaborative Report
- MN Department of Education - Parent Frequently Asked Questions for Early Childhood Screening