

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2017

I. Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 28th day of February, 2017, at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners, Anne Marcotte, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, and Laurie Westerlund, and others present included: Interim County Administrator Patrick Wussow; H&HS Director, Cynthia Bennett; H&HS Staff; Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Jessi Goble, Financial Services Supervisor; Jessi Schultz & Kim Larson, Social Service Supervisors; Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Adam Hoogenakker, Aitkin Independent Age; and Roberta Elvecrog, & Marlene Abear, H&HS Advisory Committee Members; Jessica Seibert, Citizen.

II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda

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

III. Review January 24, 2017 Health & Human Service Board Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the January 24., 2017 Health & Human Services Board Meeting.

IV. Review Bills

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried; the vote was to approve the Bills.

V. Administrative Reports:

A. **Financial Reports** - Kathleen Ryan reviewed the bills with the Board members.

VI. Joint Powers Board Reports:

A. **Tri-County Community Health Services Board (CHS)**

Commissioner Westerlund / Erin Melz discussed the meeting and the fact they were reviewing the by-laws and other documents. It was noted that all current members from the same county have terms that expire the same year which will need to be adjusted to rotate. She also noted they reviewed the budget and their legislative priorities.

VII. Committee Reports from Commissioners

A. **H&HS Advisory Committee** – Commissioners Westerlund and/or Pratt

Committee Members attending today: Marlene Abear & Roberta Elvecrog
Draft Copy of the February 1st meeting minutes included in packet. It was noted that the presentation at the last meeting dealt with Volunteer Drivers and the need for more throughout the county.

B. **AEOA Committee Update** – Commissioner Westerlund updated the Board on their recent meeting noting the building project is on hold again and the local food shelf is looking for a location. Headstart discussion noted that the Arrowhead bus would be transporting kids to the school and they are purchasing three more buses and will be constructing additional garages.

C. **NEMOJT Committee Update** – Commissioner Niemi noted there was no meeting.

D. **CJI (Children's Justice Initiative)** – Commissioner Westerlund noted they will meet tomorrow.

E. **Lakes & Pines Update** – Commissioner Niemi noted there has been no meeting.

Commissioner Wedel asked for discussion on the progress for legislation and the current status.

Cynthia Bennett, Director, introduced Kim Larson as the new Social Service Supervisor in the Adult Services area.

Cynthia Bennett also noted that today Julie Lueck is clerking her last Board Meeting as she is retiring and there is going to be a Retirement Party for her on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Health & Human Services Lunchroom.

VIII. Break at 9:23 a.m. and will reconvene at 9:40 a.m.

Next Meeting – March 28, 2017