



**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2017**

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I. Attendance

- a. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of June, 2017 at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, and Anne Marcotte was delayed due to road construction but arrived at 9:05 a.m. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Cynthia Bennett, Fiscal Supervisor Kathleen Ryan, Financial Services Supervisor Jessi Goble, Social Services Supervisor Children's Services Jessi Schultz, Social Services Supervisor Adult Services Kim Larson, Public Health Supervisor Erin Melz, Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant Shawn Speed, and Guests: Carole Holten and Marlene Abear/H&HS Advisory Committee Members.

II. Agenda

- a. Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 27, 2017 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

III. Minutes

- a. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the May 23, 2017 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

IV. Bills

- a. Commissioner Marcotte requested more information related to mental health bills and treatment center payments. Kathy Ryan provided the information relating to each to Commissioner Marcotte's satisfaction.
- b. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

V. Legislative Updates

- a. Cynthia Bennett, Health & Human Services Director, briefed the Board on recent legislative changes.
 - i. Mental Health Innovative Grant was funded.
 - ii. There was no cut to funding for the METS system, however there also was no additional funding granted for needed improvements to the system.
 - iii. SHIP Grant was funded.
 - iv. There was an increase in funding to Evidence Based Family home visits.
 - v. The more concerning issue is the cost shift related to the MNChoices area. It is unknown at this time how this will impact operations on a county level.
- b. Commissioner Wedel asked about any speculation on changes that will come for the county with the new American Healthcare Act.
 - i. Unknown how this will turn out, yet it looks like there will be significant cuts across the board for Health and Human Services. The Public Health funding will be cut and there will be significant impacts to Medicaid and MN Care.
 - ii. This will ultimately impact funding for people in nursing homes.
- c. Commissioner Marcotte asked about Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and whether or not we were pushing for legislation to provide a step between the treatment center and being placed in a community?
 - i. Cynthia Bennett provided information about her MACSSA Conference, discussions on the subject, and the need for transitional housing for persons needing to be discharged from Anoka to communities.
 - ii. Kim Larson added to the discussion about initiatives, Zero Reject Housing, and the SAMHSA

Grant which helps to develop housing for people in transition.

- iii. Kim Larson also provided information on a visit to an Itasca County facility by Region 5+ and how Region 5+ would like to eventually develop something similar to the Itasca County model but on a smaller scale.

VI. New Personnel Introduction

- a. Commissioner Wedel introduced Shawn Speed as the new Health and Human Services Administrative Assistant.

VII. Financial Reports

- a. Kathleen Ryan reviewed the financial statement for the board.
 - i. We are on budget.
 - ii. Some out of home placement costs have been a bit higher.
 - iii. Child protection costs, related to court ordered assessments, have been higher but we are still within budget.
 - iv. Will be posting the first half of levy dollars this month which will be seen in next month's statement.

VIII. Fair Booth Update

- a. Erin Melz provided the board with a Fair Booth update.
 - i. Focusing on injury prevention.
 - ii. Had great participation from staff members, advisory board members, and commissioners that have signed up to staff the booth.
 - iii. Roth RV is again providing a Moms and Infants rest area RV.
 - iv. Lots of education and prizes this year.
 - v. Sun protection always a big topic.

IX. Joint Powers Board Reports

- a. Erin Melz provided the board with information from the last meeting.
 - i. Talked about a presentation by Ginger Parlanti, Public Health Supervisor for Itasca County and Healthy Families in America Coordinator on Healthy Families.
 - ii. Our H&HS Advisor Committee is our advisory committee for that program.
 - iii. Discussed SHIP program.

X. Committee Reports

- a. H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioner Westerlund and/or Pratt
 - i. Committee Members Carole Holten and Marlene Abear provided details of last meeting.
 - 1. Explained that they have been getting reports from various groups explaining what they are doing and how much that is helping the committee members understand their role.
 - 2. Angels of McGregor have started working in McGrath area to help people stay in their homes and are working on possibly setting up a satellite location there.
 - 3. Committee was given a presentation on immunizations and the SHIP program.
 - ii. Commissioner Westerlund mentioned it was a great meeting for them.
 - iii. Commissioner Pratt added that the members are getting a better understanding of their role on the committee and becoming more active in it.
- b. AEOA Committee Update – Commissioner Westerlund
 - i. Financial audits.
 - ii. Rural Rides program.
 - iii. Resolutions update.
 - iv. Aitkin County Cares.
 - v. Shortage of volunteer drivers.
 - 1. A larger discussion on the shortage of volunteer drivers was started by Commissioner Wedel and it was noted that it is a problem county wide.
- c. Lakes and Pines Update – Commissioner Niemi

- i. Commissioner Niemi stated there were no new changes, but Commissioner Wedel open up a discussion about Aitkin County's status in the program and received feedback from Commissioner Niemi to his satisfaction.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Next Meeting – July 25, 2017