

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2017

Committee Members Present: Roberta Elvecrog
Penny Olson
Beverly Mensing
Bob Marcum
Carole Holten
Joy Janzen
Kevin Insley
Marlene Abear
Kim Demenge
Joell Miranda
Amanda Voller

Commissioner Bill Pratt

Others Present: Cynthia Bennett, Director, Aitkin County H&HS
Jessi Goble, Financial Assistance Supervisor
Shawn Speed, Clerk to the Committee

Guests: Joel Hoppe

Absent: Kristine Layne
Lynette Maas

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

I. Call to order

Roberta called to order the regular meeting of the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee at 3:37pm on September 6, 2017 at Aitkin County Health & Human Services in the Large Conference Room.

II. Approval of September 6, 2017 Agenda

Carole motioned to approve the agenda, Beverly seconded the motion to approve with corrections, all members voting yes to approve the September 6, 2017 agenda.

III. Approval of minutes from August 2, 2017 meeting

Beverly motioned to approve the minutes, as written, Marlene seconded, all members voting yes to approve the August 2, 2017 minutes as written.

IV. Committee Member Input / Updates – Must be informational in nature, relative to Aitkin County Health & Human Services and not exceed (5) minutes per person.

- a) Bob missed last meeting as he was at a conference in Bemidji for his work with Lakes and Pines. Spoke to his feelings on how important our relations are with the Native American community and about the keynote speaker, Dr. Anton Treuer, a Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University, and of one of the breakout session speaker's LeAnn Littlewolf. Bob asked if we would consider having her come and present to us to educate us more about our relations with the Native American community.
- b) Cynthia added that we really want to learn how to collaborate better with our diverse populations and supported offering a training session that would be supported by this committee.
- c) Carole added that the East Lake Band, south of McGregor, would perhaps benefit from us becoming better educated on the subject.
- d) Cynthia offered to have people work on getting the training set up and asked for volunteers from the committee to help with it, to which Carole, Bob, and Roberta volunteered to help with getting it set up.

V. MA-LTC Presentation – Jessi Goble, Financial Assistance Supervisor

- a) Jessi provided the committee with information on the Medical Assistance Long Term care utilizing her MA-LTC 101 handout, along with one on MA for people in Nursing homes and community based waived services and a reference sheet related to estate recoveries and liens.
- b) She noted that everything she is presenting is subject to change by State or Federal Legislation or the annual income updates.
- c) Roberta asked for another handout next month that explains all of the waiver programs.
- d) Cynthia commented on the complications that go along with all of these programs and the determinations that go along with them.
- e) Jessi added that a MNChoices Assessment must be done before MA-LTC can start.
- f) Bob added the caveat that there is more than one level of care or different places that people can go and that when you go to one of these they are all not “the home”, most are just an apartment where you get as much help as you need to continue living on your own.
- g) Carole asked if more community outreach could be done to perhaps present this information to more people and Jessi agreed that is a great idea and something she has been considering and Carole will be calling to set something up with her.

VI. Comments

- a) Comments from the Committee members for the Commissioners relative to HH&S.
 1. There were none.
- b) Feedback from the board meeting
 1. August 22 – Roberta. Roberta mentioned that Kathleen presented the budget items that were presented by her to the committee last meeting.
- c) Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming Board meetings in 2017:

SEPTEMBER 26	Carole Holten	Roberta Elvecrog
OCTOBER 24	Bob Marcum	Penny Olson
NOVEMBER 28	Roberta Elvecrog	Amanda Voller
DECEMBER 19	Jon Moen	Roberta Elvecrog

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Carole, seconded by Amanda, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:36pm.

Roberta Elvecrog, Chairperson

Shawn A. Speed, 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:

- Copy of the Minutes of the August 2, 2017 Advisory Committee Meeting
- Copy of the August 22, 2107 Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Copy of Medical Assistance Payment of Long-Term Care Services (MA-LTC) 101 presentation

- Copy of Medical Assistance Information for People: Living in a Nursing Home and Getting Home and Community-Based Services
- Copy of Minnesota Health Care Programs Medical Assistance Estate Recovery and Liens