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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Robert Marcum
Jon Moen
Joy Janzen
Joell Miranda
Penny Olson
Kevin Insley
Beverly Mensing
Kari Paulsen

Commissioner Bill Pratt
Commissioner Mark Wedel

Others Present:

Joel Hoppe

Guests:

Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor, ACH&HS
Hannah Colby, Public Health Educator, ACH&HS
Shawn Speed, Clerk to the Committee

Absent:

Marlene Abear
Roberta Elvecrog
Kristine Layne
Carole Holten
Maureen Mishler

I. Call to Order

- a. Robert called to order the regular meeting of the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee at 3:37pm on February 7, 2018 at Aitkin County Health & Humans Services in the large conference room.

II. Approval of February 7, 2018 Agenda

- a. Beverly moved to approve the agenda, Kari seconded the move to approve the agenda as

presented, all members voting yes to approve the February 7, 2018 agenda.

III. Approval of minutes from January 3, 2018 meeting

- a. Penny moved to approve the minutes, Beverly seconded the move, all members voting yes to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes.

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

- a. Bob

V. New Member Introductions

- a. Kari Paulsen, new member for District 2, introduced herself to the members.

VI. SHIP CLT Q2 Presentation-Healthy Eating Schools – Hannah Colby

- a. Jessi presented her CHIPS to permanency Timeline and Child Protection Court Work presentation.
 - i. Carole asked whether there was a rule, or not, for once a child hits a certain age whether they can decide where they live.
 - 1. Jessi said there is no hard rule but that they can request it through their legal council or guardian ad litem as long as they are over 10 years of age.
 - ii. Roberta asked if someone didn't have family and was placed in an inpatient treatment program if the county would then get involved to place the children in foster care.
 - 1. Yes that is when they would get involved in that situation.
 - iii. Carole asked what happens with Native American families. Whether they have their own system or not?
 - 1. Jessi said that most tribes have their own services for these cases and can file in Tribal Court and take care of it all form there, minus the cost as the county pays that.
 - iv. When talking about truancy problems, Roberta asked whether tardiness counts when it comes to truancy.
 - 1. Jessi responded that if they miss a period of class and end up doing it seven times, it does count as an absence. But in the case of truancy the school files the petitions, not the county.
 - v. Roberta asked about when the family is required to show up to court for their hearing, how many chances they are given to show up?
 - 1. Jessi said more often than not it is two chances, but it really depends on the judge, family history, and other circumstances.
 - vi. Carole inquired if it was special judges that hear these cases?
 - 1. Jessi said that they need to be familiar with Child Protection issues and that they try to use the same one for a case that starts with it.
 - vii. Bob asked how many children are served by us and what our annual expenses are.
 - 1. Jessi was not 100% sure on our numbers right now, but would get them for the committee.
 - 2. This led to a bigger discussion on how many foster homes we have, to which

Jessi said we really only have two that will take anyone at any time, but we have six licensed in the area.

3. To which Bill asked how hard it was to get licensed to become a foster home and Jessi replied it isn't that hard, mainly a lot of paperwork and having a home that is up to code.
4. The whole committee spoke to how them knowing the budget numbers was important when they are out in the community talking to people.

VII. Comments:

- a. Feedback from the HHS Board Meeting – Robert – January 23, 2018
 - i. Robert talked about what went on at the Board meeting, minutes of that meeting are attached.
- b. Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming HHS Board meetings in 2018:

February 27	Carole Holten	Joy Janzen
March 27	Marlene Abear	Kari Paulsen
April 24	Kristine Layne	Joell Miranda
May 22	Beverly Mensing	_____
June 26	Kevin Insley	_____
July 24	_____	_____
August 28	Bob Marcum	_____
September 25	Carole Holten	_____
October 23	Jon Moen	_____
November 27	_____	_____
December 18	Bob Marcum	Amanda Voller

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Beverly to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kari, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm.

Robert Marcum, Chairperson

Shawn Speed, Clerk to the ACH&HS Advisory Board

The following documents were included in the packet of information sent to the members for review prior to the meeting or distributed at the meeting:

- Copy of the agenda for the February 7, 2018 meeting.

- Copy of the minutes from the January 3, meeting.
- Copy of the January 23, 2018 H&HS Board meeting minutes.
- Copy of the Farm2School Handouts and SHIP CLT Q2 Presentation-Healthy Eating Schools PowerPoint presentation.