



**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 26, 2018**

### **Attendance**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of June, 2018, at 9:02 a.m. at the Aitkin Public Library as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, J. Mark Wedel, Don Niemi, and Bill Pratt. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Assistant to the County Administrator Sue Bingham, Child Social Services Supervisor Jessi Schultz, Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant Shawn Speed, and Guests: Roberta Elvecrog/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Kevin Insley/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Cassie Conn/WRAP Program, Tammy Arend/Lakes and Pines, Kraig Grutke/Lakes and Pines, Brielle Bredsten/Aitkin Independent Age, and Bob Harwarth/Citizen.

### **Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 26, 2018 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the May 22, 2018 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

### **Bills**

Shawn Speed, presented the bills to the board in Carli Goble's absence, and noted no significant changes.

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

### **WRAP Program Report – Cassie Conn**

Cassie reviewed the WRAP, We Rally Around Parents, program and how it has performed over the last two years using her informational handout, attached, that she shared with the commissioners.

The program goals are to help people get connected with resources to support the mission of self-sufficiency through many different services.

Primary focus is on those who are experiencing mental health issues.

This program is all about helping people make the connections to other people and services that they need to be self-sufficient.

Cassie noted that if she would have had access to a program like this when she was younger it would have changed her life.

Kristy's who is a recipient of this program spoke of her experience with the program, how she wanted a change for herself and her daughters. The WRAP program and Cassie were able to make that happen for them. Kristy mentioned that she couldn't have done any of it without Cassie's help.

Commissioner Marcotte commented that the right individual was chosen, in Cassie, and that she can't imagine a more rewarding profession to be in when you can help people make better for themselves and their children and that she is making a huge impact on the community.

## **Approve Contracts/Agreements**

Purchase of Service Agreement for Semi-Independent living with Access North Center, January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the agreement.

Purchase of Service Agreement to provide mental health assessments with George Tetreault, January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the agreement.

Facilities use agreement for Child Care Aware Training with Pine Technical and Community College, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the agreement.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Joint Powers Board Reports – Commissioner Westerlund**

1. Met June 14, 2018.
2. They received a letter from Kanabec County asking them to partner with them for Public Health and was decided to decline and suggest that they confer with one of their neighboring counties.
3. Went through performance reviews for the CHB Administrator.
4. Public Health updates.

### **H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioner Wedel**

1. Committee members Roberta Elvecrog and Kevin Insley provided details of their last meeting, held June 6, 2018.
  - a. Talked about HHS asking for their help in manning their Aitkin County Fair booth.

### **AEOA Committee Update – Commissioner Westerlund**

1. Met in Eveleth on June 20, 2018.
2. Had their annual Senior Carnival and had over 400 people show up.
3. Went through personnel policy changes.
4. Ordered new freezer vans to hold their food for distribution.

### **NEMOJT Committee Update – Commissioner Niemi**

1. Talked about Cloquet's plan for a Fall Harvest Job Fair on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Free short term training for people looking to get into working for a corrections facility.
3. Asked whether we had any kind of Job Fair here in Aitkin offered and no one was sure on that so he was going to contact our Workforce Center.
4. Talked about two young men who were there and presented about their experiences with and the opportunities provided to them by NEMOJT.

**CJI Update** – Commissioner Westerlund/Jessi Schultz

1. Jessi stated they talked about some court order language they are working on changing.
2. Next meeting is in August, cancelled July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Next Meeting – July 24, 2018