



Aitkin County Health & Human Services

204 FIRST STREET NW
AITKIN, MINNESOTA 56431-1291
PHONE 1-800-328-3744 or 1-218-927-7200
FAX # 1-218-927-7210

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKGROUP

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2020

Committee Members Present: Carole Holten
Cindy Chuhanic
Joel Hoppe
Kari Paulsen
Kevin Insley
Luke Christiansen
Pastor Dawn Houser
Penny Olson
Steve Teff
Terri Mathis

Commissioner Mark Wedel

Guests: Cynthia Bennett, HHS Director
Shawn Speed, Scribe
Brea Hamdorf, Public Health Nurse
Stacey Durgin-Smith, Public Health Educator

Absent: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
Joell Miranda
Lori Chenevert

I. Call to Order

A. Carole called to order the workgroup meeting of the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee at 3:00 pm on February 5, 2020 at Aitkin County Health & Human Services in the large conference room.

II. Approval of February 5, 2020 Agenda

A. Steve moved to approve the agenda, Cindy seconded, all members voting yes to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2020 meeting

- A. Kari moved to approve the minutes as written, Cindy seconded, all members voting yes to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes.

IV. Committee Member Input/Updates

- A. Carole started by apologizing for missing the County Board meeting.
- B. She continued by asking for two people to attend the next Board meeting on February 25 and Joel and Kari volunteered.
- C. Carole also reminded everyone to review the By-Laws prior to our next meeting as they will be reviewing them then as a group.
- D. Carole said the partnership between ANGEL's and AEOA to distribute meals is going really well, so well they had to go and buy another freezer to store the amount that are being ordered each time.
- E. Carole ended by noting that she will not be at the March meeting.
- F. Terri mentioned to the group that she is no longer with CARE and that she had taken the administrator job with Golden Horizon's.

V. Full Scale Exercise Briefing – Stacey Durgin-Smith, Public Health Educator

- A. Stacey started by briefing the members that there will be a full-scale exercise involving a simulated Anthrax outbreak on June 17, 2020.
- B. MDH and every county in the state will be participating to show how they would handle a widespread breakout of a disease such as Anthrax.
- C. Stacey mentioned she needed 50 “patients” for this exercise and that she would love if some of the Advisory members could participate.
- D. If anyone is interested they can just let her know and she will get them the information they need.

VI. Suicide Prevention Review – Brea Hamdorf, Public Health Nurse

- A. Brea went through her PowerPoint presentation that was included in the handouts given to the members beforehand.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.
-

Carole Holten, 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 5, 2020 meeting.
- Copy of the minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting.
- Copy of the Suicide Prevention PowerPoint.