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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

Committee Members Present: Cindy Chuhanic
Joel Hoppe
Kari Paulsen
Kevin Insley
Lori Chenevert
Luke Christensen
Pastor Dawn
Penny Olson
Steve Teff
Terri Mathis

Commissioner Mark Wedel

Guests: Hannah Colby, Public Health Educator
Shawn Speed, Scribe

Absent: Carole Holten
Joell Miranda
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

I. Call to Order

- A. Joel called to order the meeting of the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee at 3:02 pm on March 4, 2020 at Aitkin County Health & Human Services in the large conference room.

II. Approval of March 4, 2020 Agenda

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

III. Approval of minutes from February 5, 2020 workgroup meeting

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

IV. Committee Member Input/Updates

- A. Kari mentioned that NEMOJT was hosting a hiring event to fill positions for the Aquatic Evasive Species boat inspectors for the summer on March 24 from 10am to noon and again on April 17 from 10am to noon at their office in the Birchstreet Center in Aitkin.
 - 1. Requirements for the positions are that the person must be able to get in and out of boats without any difficulty and be able to drive to and from the boat access they are placed at each day.
 - 2. Pay is \$14/hour, with bonuses for meeting their hourly goals or for being able to do boat decontamination on site.
 - 3. Will only be weekends and specified holidays.
 - 4. Last year they did more than 11,000 inspections.
 - 5. Will make every effort to place people at accesses close to their homes so people don't have to travel long distances.
 - 6. Commissioner Wedel added that the County is given \$270,000 by the state for wages and training to make this happen.
 - 7. Commissioner Wedel also added that the State requires that people, when moving docks or lifts between lakes, you are required to leave them out of the water for 21 days but that if people leave them out for 30 days that the county will give them \$100.
- B. Terri mentioned that they are looking for people to fill 8 positions they have at Golden Horizons for CNA's. They are full time with benefits and shifts vary from 6am-2pm or 2pm-10pm.
- C. Commissioner Wedel added that there has been a lot of talk among counties having to do with Sanctuary Counties and Second Amendment Counties and said that both are already covered either by law or the Constitution itself.
- D. Talk then turned to the upcoming community meal that the committee is scheduled to serve in McGregor on March 18.
 - 1. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up after the meal.
 - 2. Cindy, Kari, and Penny volunteered to help out at this time. Others had to check their schedules.
- E. Pastor Dawn mentioned that she is setting up a public event on human trafficking at the Aitkin Public Library, due to the construction of the pipeline slated to begin and that those things tend to go right along with major construction projects of that magnitude.
- F. Commissioner Wedel suggesting doing the same thing in and around Hill City, Palisade, and McGregor as they will be most affected by the construction.

V. SHIP Presentation – Hannah Colby

- A. Hannah went through her presentation updating the members on her work with Farm to School and Farm to Institution in the County.

VI. Committee By-Laws and the 2020 Meeting Schedule

- A. The first item to be discussed was the committee by-laws.
- B. Joel questioned whether we needed to form a sub-committee again or to try to do as much as we can via email and then revisit again in a couple of months and the other members thought it could be done via email.
- C. Commissioner Wedel inquired whether the current membership of the committee follows the guidelines of the by-laws and if we can rewrite them to mold them to fit our actual makeup as it stands.
- D. Shawn will be emailing a copy of the statute that governs the committee out to all of the members for their review to make sure we are following that when looking at the makeup of the board membership.
- E. Moving on to the 2020 presentation schedule all members thought it looked good but would still like something presented on guardianship. It was suggested that they could possibly double up presenters at one of the meetings to make this happen.
- F. Shawn will talk to Kim Larson, Adult Social Services Supervisor, and see if she has any ideas.

VII. Feedback From February 25, 2020 HHS Board Meeting

- A. Kari and Joel gave their comments from the Board meeting.
- B. Minutes for that meeting were included in the member's packets for their review.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm.
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Carole Holton, 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 March 4, 2020 meeting.
- Draft copy of the minutes from the February 5, 2020 workgroup meeting.
- Copy of the minutes from the February 25, 2020 HHS Board meeting.
- Copy of the SHIP Presentation.
- Copy of the By-Laws.
- List of previous years presentations.