



AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 27, 2022

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of September 2022, at 9:00 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Commissioners Brian Napstad, J. Mark Wedel, Don Niemi, Laurie Westerlund and Anne Marcotte. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Admin/HR Administrative Assistant Brittany Searle, H&HS Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo, H&HS Supervisors Becca Person, Erin Melz and Carli Goble, Advisory Committee Members Cindy Chuhanic and Michelle Brodhead, and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: H&HS Supervisor Jessi Goble, Kathy Robb-Aitkin Age, AC Economic Development Coordinator Mark Jeffers and Paul Vold-KKIN.

Approved Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the September 27th, 2022 Health & Human Services Board agenda as presented.

Approved Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the August 23rd, 2022 Health & Human Services Board minutes.

Approved Bills

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the bills.

Competency Restoration

Becca Person, H&HS Adult Services supervisor gave a presentation on Competency Restoration.

- Competency Restoration is the process of providing services for an individual that is found incompetent to stand trial to help them understand the court system and regain competency.
- Started in 2006 by the MN Department of Human Services
- In 2018, the Department of Human Services ended competency restoration services for individuals in state hospitals who no longer met medical acuity.



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- Competency restoration services are expected to be provided within community settings.
- In 2019, the Community Competency Restoration Task Force was created.
- On 5/23/22, state legislation was passed that will impact how competency restoration services are provided statewide.
- Aitkin County has four employees able to provide competency restoration services.
- Aitkin County has no funding mechanism to bill these service or travel time if needed.
- Aitkin County does not have any clients receiving competency restoration services at this time but has provided services to clients within the community in the past.

Committee Updates

The Board discussed H&HS Advisory Committee and Lakes & Pines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Next Meeting – October 25th, 2022