



# Health & Human Services Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 24, 2023

**Title of Item:** Director Updates

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Sarah Pratt		<b>Department:</b> H&HS
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Sarah Pratt, Director		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5-10 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  Director updates		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>  		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>  		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

# Sarah Pratt

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# Professional Experience:

- ▶ **ARMHS Worker Northern Pines Mental Health Center**
- ▶ **January 2005 - April 2006**
  - ▶ Primary responsibilities included teaching independent living skills, social skills, anger management, and coping skills to the serious and persistent mentally ill population. Case load of 28 people with mental illness/dual diagnosis, facilitated goal oriented groups to the dual diagnosis population titled MI/CD. Ran the day treatment program which included a support group, independent living skills group, and recreation group.
- ▶ **Child Protection Social Worker Morrison County Health & Human Services**
- ▶ **April 2006 - July 2014**
  - ▶ Primary responsibilities included assessing screened in child protection reports. Determined level of risk to the children and safety planned with families to utilize their available supports and build off their strengths. Identified and coordinated necessary resources to help families increase safety to their children and increase overall family wellbeing. Completed court petitions and testified in court trials.

▶ **Intake Social Worker Morrison County Health & Human Services**

▶ **July 2014 - August 2017**

- ▶ Primary responsibilities included receipt, follow up and screening of child and adult protection reports, coordination of voluntary services that included children and adult mental health, MnCHOICES assessments, Parent Support Outreach, and chemical dependency commitments. Coordinated financial assistance including medical assistance, long term care assistance and housing support. Provided resource referrals to the community.

▶ **Adult Services Lead Social Worker Morrison County Health & Human services**

▶ **January 2016 - December 2017**

- ▶ Primary responsibilities included the management of the under 65 MnCHOICES Assessment and SNBC care coordination programs. Interpretation of policy. Development of checklists, forms, and processes to enhance workflow. Monitoring of case files to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements. Facilitator of staff case consultation.

- ▶ **Adult Mental Health Social Worker Morrison County Health & Human Services**
- ▶ **August 2017 - December 2017**
  - ▶ Primary responsibilities included providing Rule 79 Case Management Services and Waiver Services to people diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness. Assessed person in need of civil commitment and provided case Management Services.
- ▶ **Human Services Supervisor Morrison County Health & Human Services**
- ▶ **December 2017 - December 2022**
  - ▶ Primary responsibilities include supervision of staff in the program areas of Adult Protection, MnCHOICES, SNBC care coordination, Adult Foster Care, Community Health Education, Environmental Health, and the Clinic Social Worker. Collaboration between county and community partners to identify community needs and develop equitable services to meet those needs. Work with management team for overall services and budget planning to support staff and community members.

## Personal Information:

- ▶ **Family**
- ▶ **Hobbies**

# Future Plans for Aitkin County H&HS

## ▶ **Organizational Priorities:**

- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Operational Excellence
- ▶ Community Outreach and Education
- ▶ People

## ▶ **Goals:**

- ▶ Website Upgrade
  - ▶ Employee Engagement, Recruitment and Retention
  - ▶ Workflow Improvements
- ▶ For the first year or so, my goal is to watch and learn. Get to know the employees and residents of Aitkin County. I would like to continue to use the knowledge, experience and relationships developed in Morrison County here in Aitkin County.