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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD March 28, 2023

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 28th day of March 2023, at 9:01 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Travis Leiviska, Bret Sample and Michael Kearney. County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Sarah Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo. Others present included: H&HS Supervisors Jessi Goble, Carli Goble & Erin Melz, ACHHS Advisory Committee members Luke Christensen and Rebecca Carlson, Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age, and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: H&HS Supervisor Jessi Schultz and KIN Paul Vold.

Approved Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kearney, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the March 28, 2023 Health & Human Services agenda.

Approved Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Sample and carried, all members present voting yes to approve February 28, 2023 Health & Human Services minutes.

Approved Bills

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

Approved Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the new appointments of Lynette Maas – District 4, Jodi Olson – District 3 and Marcia Anderson – District 3 to the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee.

Director Updates

Sarah Pratt, H&HS Director updated the board on the following:

- Public Health Nuisance in Lawler area, a hotel and church are not structurally sound or safe and need to be demolished.
- Suicide Prevention Grant – current grant for \$10K/year has been in place since 2019 & will end 6/30/2023. ACHHS applied for next round

of funding, eligible for up to \$100K/year for 4 years 7/1/2023-6/30/2027. Application included financial collaboration with ISD#1. In addition, the workplan included focus & partnership with RHCC, Hill City & McGregor School Districts and other focus populations such as men and youth.

- MnCHOICES Revision, new platform to launch April 3rd, director's have been pushing back due to the platform having some deficiencies, DHS will lose federal funding for the revision if it does not launch.
- Oakridge, a Community Residential Services site has permanently closed one of its facilities in 2022, ACH&HS would like to repurpose four beds to a new development. Four RFPs were received and Residential Living Solutions was chosen as the Community Residential Services site to repurpose the 4 four beds, location TBD.

Financial Services Programs Presentation

Jessi Goble, H&HS Financial Services Supervisor presented to the board the different financial services programs offered through H&HS which included:

- Cash Assistance Programs
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Emergency Assistance Programs
- Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)

Committee Updates

The Board discussed the H&HS Advisory Committee, Tri-County CHS, AEOA, CARE Board, Lakes and Pines, JET (NEMOJT) and CJI.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Next Meeting – April 25, 2023