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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD May 23, 2023

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of May 2023, at 9:08 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board with the following members present: Board Chair, Commissioner 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 Erin Melz, Carli Goble, and Rebecca Person, H&HS PH Nurse Liz Short, ACHHS Advisory Committee member Lynne Jacobs, Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age, and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: Mark Jeffers, AC Economic Development.

Approved Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kearney, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the May 23, 2023 Health & Human Services agenda.

Approved Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Sample and carried, all members present voting yes to approve April 25, 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 H&HS Interactive Video Policy

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Sample and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Targeted Case Management Interactive Video Policy.

Approved Guardianship and Conservatorship Services Contract

Motion by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the 2023 Resource Training and Solutions Guardianship and Conservatorship Services contract.

Director Updates

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

- MDH Suicide Prevention Grant
 - Current grant for \$10K/year, in place since 2019 will end 6/30/23
 - We did not receive the new grant. Official announcement for those organizations that were funded will July 1st.
 - Children's Dental Services reached out about our interest in being a consortium member for a HRSA youth behavioral and OUD/SUD grant. This grant is specific to the youth population.
 - Most, if not all, of our strategies that were outlined in MDH grant will fit within this grant.
 - The grant is for 4 years and would begin 9/1/23.
- CDC Infrastructure Grant
 - Began 3/1/23 and runs through 11/30/27, approximately 4.5 years.
 - \$79,198 total / \$19,799.50 each year
 - No time limit to spend the funds
 - Required to send a report on anticipated use of funds
 - To get the report submitted, we indicated we would supplement a staff salary to replace reduced or sunset grants, however, an amendment can be made to this at any time
- PH team continues to work hard to find future grant opportunities.
- Legislative Updates
 - Paying close attention to SF2934 – There are several county priorities reflected in the final bill, including improvement to the behavioral health system, funding for long term care workforce incentive and workforce grants, modifications to MnCHOICES assessor requirements, and funding for the next phase of the Vulnerable Adult Act Redesign project.
 - SF2995 – modernization, request for funding for implementation work and for innovations due to statewide modernization efforts, improvement of existing core systems, program simplification of financial assistance programs, mental health investments, extended foster care caseload reduction, and public health investments.

Opioid Settlement Program Updates

Erin Melz, H&HS Public Health Supervisor updated the board on the Opioid Settlement Program which included:

- Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Subcommittee Application
- 2023 Opioid Settlement Funding Application
- Opioid Settlement Toolkit

Adult Mental Health/Child Mental Health Presentation

Rebecca Person, H&HS Adult Services Supervisor presented to the board on

Adult/Child Mental Health to include:

- Adult mental health case management duties
- Adult mental health revenue
- Civil commitments
- Comprehensive re-entry screening
- Children's mental health case management
- Children's mental health case loads
- Children's mental health random facts

Committee Updates

The Board discussed the CARE Board, JET, CJI, and H&HS Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Next Meeting – June 27, 2023