



AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD June 27, 2023

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of May 2023, at 9:00 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, Administrative Assistant Jeff Schmitt, Health & Human Services Director Sarah Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo. Others present included: H&HS Supervisors Jessi Schultz and Erin Melz, ACHHS Advisory Committee member representative Jon Moen, Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age, and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: H&HS Financial Services Supervisor Jessi Goble, Mark Jeffers, AC Economic Development.

Approved Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Kearney and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the June 27, 2023 Health & Human Services agenda.

Approved Minutes

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

Approved Bills

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

Approved Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the appointment of Jessica Marsh as a recipient of services to the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee for District 4.

Director Updates

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

- Legislative Updates
 - 48-Hour Rule for Commitments
 - Requires inmates to be transferred to a state hospital

- within 48 hours of commitment.
 - A 2-year waiver (to expire June 30, 2025) was passed where the 48-hour clock will begin when it is determined a medically appropriate bed is available.
 - Eliminates county cost share for mentally ill and dangerous who are awaiting transfer from one state operated facility to another, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
- New Department of Children, Youth and Families
 - Transition will begin on July 1, 2023
 - Programs and services will begin transferring between July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025

Child Protection & Out of Home Placement Presentation

Jessi Schultz, H&HS Child & Family Services Supervisor, presented to the board Child Protection & Out of Home Placement to include:

- Child Protection Maltreatment Reports
- Child Protection Responses
 - Number of Reports Assessed
 - Types of Allegations in 2022 Child Protection Cases
- Child Protection Case Management
- Placement Locations
- Results of Children in Placement
- Placement Costs
- Federal IV-E Reimbursement
- Other Services
 - Truancy
 - Child Welfare
 - Parent Support Outreach Program
 - Extended Foster Care

Committee Updates

The Board discussed the H&HS Advisory Committee, Tri-County Community Health Services, AEOA, and ARDC/AAAA.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Next Meeting – July 25, 2023