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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD December 19, 2023 H&HS Board Minutes

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 19th day of December 2023, at 9:01 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board with the following members present: Board Chair, Commissioner J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Travis Leiviska, Bret Sample, Laurie Westerlund, and Michael Kearney. County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Administrative Assistant April Kellerman, Health & Human Services Director Sarah Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo. Others present included: H&HS Supervisors Kim Larson & Carli Goble; and Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age.

1.A Approval of the Amended Agenda

Addition to agenda item 1D, request approval of new appointment to Advisory Committee, Pastor Andrew Jergenson District 1.

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Sample and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the December 19, 2023 Health & Human Services agenda as amended.

1.B Approval of the November 28, 2023 Minutes

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

1.C Approval of Bills

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

1.D Approval of Advisory Committee Re-appointments and new appointment

Motion by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Kearny and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the following Advisory Committee Re-appointments: Luke Christensen, Lynne Jacobs, Michelle Brodhead, and Sara Ehlke-Bejcek; along with the new appointment of Pastor Andrew Jergenson.

1.E Approval of Tri-County Community Health Board Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the appointment of Lynne Jacobs to the Tri-County Community Health Board for a term of 3 years.

2.A Director Updates

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

- Review of Top 5 MACSSA Priorities:
 - Case Management Redesign, TCM methodologies
 - High acuity bed and safety net services for kids and adults
 - Amending statute to include an exception to billing counties 100% of the cost of care when patient is awaiting another DCT bed placement
 - Human Services Modernization
 - MNChoices administrative timelines
- Update on hiring
 - Opening in HCBS filled with current child protection worker
 - Child protection position now open
 - Financial services case aide position open
- Charter agreement amendment
 - St. Louis County provided a clarification letter
 - Still seeking to add proper verbiage to the amendment

3.A Waivered Services Presentation

Kim Larson, Home & Community Based Services Supervisor, presented to the board the Waivered Services Presentation to include:

- What are Home and Community Based Services?
- How do people qualify for HCBS Services?
- MnCHOICES Assessment Data
- What is the difference between Assessment and Case Management?
- Case Management & Care Coordination
- Waiver Types & Frequent Services Used
- Case Count Increases
- What is Person Centered Practices?
- Praises & Challenges
- 2023 Revenue Generated
- ACHHS 2023 LTSS Review
- HCBS Team

4.A Committee Updates

The Board discussed Lakes & Pines and CARE Board.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting – January 23, 2024