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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD July 23, 2024 H&HS Board Minutes

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of July 2024, 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 April Kellerman, Health & Human Services Director Sarah Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo. Others present included: H&HS Supervisors Carli Goble and Erin Melz, ACHHS Advisory Committee member representative Cindy Chuhanic, and Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age. A few public guests and county workers joined via WebEx.

1.A Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska carried, all members present voting yes to approve the July 23, 2024, Health & Human Services agenda.

1.B Approval of the June 25, 2024, Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Kearney and carried, all members present voting yes to approve June 25, 2024, Health & Human Services minutes.

1.C Approval of Bills

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

2.A Director Updates

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

- Department of Children, Youth, & Families (DCYF) and Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) timeline discussed (attached)
- Bill Brendel – H&HS Psychological Safety Survey conducted in January
 - 4 groups were formed as a result of the survey to focus on employee retention, satisfaction and performance. Groups are working on putting things in their own words and titles of the groups may change. Concept of the team remains the same.
 - Care Convenings
 - Talent Flex System
 - Decision-Making Playbook
 - Clarity Portal
- Update on Tobacco Ordinance committee meeting – Erin Melz
 - After voting, there was no consensus by the committee to recommend having the

- County Board remove the flavor-ban.
- Letters were sent to retailers about the upcoming Public Hearing after cross checking addresses from Auditor's Office, Economic Development, and Tax Statements, and it was also printed in Aitkin Age and Voyager Press newspapers. Letters and public notifications reflected the removal of the flavor ban.
- 1st Reading of the updated Tobacco Ordinance will take place on August 13th at 9:30 AM followed by the Public Hearing and then a vote by the Board of Commissioners.

3.A 2nd Quarter 2024 Fiscal Report

Carli Goble, H&HS Fiscal Supervisor, presented to the board the 2nd Quarter 2024 Fiscal Report to include:

- Revenues by Department
- Revenues by Category
- Expenditures by Department
- Expenditures by Category
- Budget Summary

4.A Committee Updates

The Board discussed the CARE Board, ARDC/AAAA, and H&HS Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Next Meeting – August 27, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES (DCYF)

ESTABLISHED

JULY 1,
2023

The DCYF Implementation Office was established.

MARCH 1,
2024

A transition report submitted to MN legislature.

MARCH 21,
2024

Gov. Walz signed chapter 80, House File 3646, creating the statutory infrastructure for DCYF.

JULY 2024

DCYF is established., Commissioner Tikki Brown appointed by Gov. Walz.. Programs from Children and Family Services at DHS, Early Learning services at MDE, and identified central operations functions will transfer.

OCT 15 - JUL
15, 2025

Quarterly transition reports are due to the Legislature from the commissioner of the DCYF regarding the status of the program transfers.

JANUARY 1,
2025

Per planning timeline, Help Me Connect from MDH transfers.

JUNE 30,
2025

Per statute, the Implementation Office completes final transition preparations and ends its work.

JULY 1,
2025

All remaining identified programs will transfer.

JULY 1,
2025

Direct Care and Treatment goes live as a State Agency, no longer a department within DHS.