

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2014**

I. Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 22nd day of July, 2014, at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, and Don Niemi; (Absent, Laurie Westerlund); and others present included: County Administrator Nathan Burkett; H&HS Director Tom Burke; H&HS Staff Members Eileen Foss, Income Maintenance Supervisor; Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor; Sue Tange, Social Service Supervisor; Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Bob Lewis, H&HS Advisory Committee Member; and Nanci Sauerbrei, Aitkin Independent Age; Roberta Elvecrog and Bob Harwarth, citizens.

II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda as mailed/posted

III. Review June 24, 2014 Health & Human Service Board Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried, the vote was to approve the June 24, 2014, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes.

IV. Review Bills

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried; the vote was to approve the Bills as presented this date.

V. General/Miscellaneous Information

- A. Public Health Summit Update** – Erin Melz updated the Board on the Public Health Summit on June 9th at Long Lake Conservation Center with 85 people attending.
- B. NACO Update** – Tom Burke attended the conference in New Orleans and discussed the flooding issues remaining six years after Katrina as well as the lack of recovery following flooding in nearly all areas. The immigration issue was the other main topic discussed. Hennepin Health has been talking about County Based Purchasing like the existing South Country and Prime West with regard to food market and healthcare.
- C. Aitkin County Fair Booth Update** – Erin Melz updated the Board on the success of the Health & Human Services Fair Booth and the camper for mothers and infants for diaper changing or breastfeeding.
- D. Aging in Aitkin County Initiative** – Northland Foundation Rural Aging Initiative with a purpose of how we can better provide services to seniors so they can age in place in Aitkin County. AC Care has agreed to be the fiscal host and Beth Leaf will be the coordinator of the initiative in Aitkin County. It will be a two year grant funded program with \$50,000 over the two years for the services and \$15,000 over the two years for the coordinator position. Matthew Hill is the new Executive Director of AC Care.

VI. Administrative Reports:

- A. Financial & Transportation Reports** – Kathy Ryan reviewed the Financial and Transportation reports with the Board.

VII. Committee Reports from Commissioners

- A. H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioners Westerlund and/or Marcotte
Meeting updates from Committee Members: Bob Lewis – no meeting so no update at this time.
No meeting in July. Next Advisory Committee meeting, August 6, 2014
- B. AEOA Committee Updates- Commissioner Niemi noted there has not been a meeting.
- C. NEMOJT Committee Updates – Commissioner Napstad noted there has not been a meeting.
- D. CJI (Children’s Justice Initiative) – Commissioner Westerlund absent so therefore no report.
- E. Lakes & Pines Update – Commissioner Niemi will have some statistical information to share with the Board regarding weatherization.

VIII. Break at 10:04 a.m. for 12 minutes

Next Meeting – August 26, 2014