

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Committee Members Present: Marlene Abear
Holly Bray
Jim Carlson
Diane Eastman, AFSCME Union Rep.
Roberta Elvecrog
Kami Genz, CMCC
Darlene Hlidek
Joy Janzen
Julie Anne Larkin
Kristine Layne, Riverwood HealthCare
Bob Marcum
Jessica Seibert, HRA
Amanda Voller, Workforce Center
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Others Present: Tom Burke, Director
Ann Rivas, Social Service Supervisor
Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Advisory Committee
Jan West, Public Health Nurse

Guests: Joel Hoppe
Beth Leaf, Aging Initiative
Bill Pavlik, Aging Initiative

Absent: Gayle Janzen
Bev Mensing, Red Cross
Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation
Commissioner Anne Marcotte

Introduction of Members, Visitors and new Committee Member Julie Ann Larkin.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Jim Carlson, and carried, the vote was to approve the Agenda with additions.

II. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Meeting

Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Darlene Hlidek, and carried, the vote was to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting as presented.

III. Aging Initiative – Beth Leaf gave a PowerPoint Presentation titled, Aging in Aitkin County, which is a community driven project to keep seniors in their homes. It is through the Rural Aging Initiative which is a Northland Foundation Program. Aitkin County CARE is the fiscal agent and they are also partnering with the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging. Beth reviewed the history and development of this project and encouraged folks to participate in upcoming events and Project Teams. Folks can contact Beth Leaf, Coordinator, Aging in Place, for additional information at 612-817-5208 or by e-mail bleaf@frontiernet.net.

- IV. Early Childhood Screenings – Jan West, Public Health Nurse**, reviewed handouts on Early Childhood Screenings, the Follow-Along Program and the Child & Teen Check-up Program. See handouts for the information discussed.
- V. Task Force Reports/Updates:**
- A. Corrections** - Kami Genz/Roberta Elvecrog – They have not met as the specific Task Force but they work together with the Restorative Justice Program.
 - B. Public Health** – Bob Marcum / Kristine Layne – Kristine reported that she attended the recent Video Conference at which the Commissioner of Health spoke. She discussed the need for the voice of public health to get heard and how that should happen. There is a strong need to educate the legislators so those officials will understand the wealth of work and education done through public health. It is encouraged that the outcome data regarding the work done in Public Health be made available to everyone. Without “Health” we have nothing. She told the story of a county who removed their Public Health department until such time as they had an outbreak and found they had no way to manage the crisis in their county. They quickly brought Public Health back into the county. Public Health is an umbrella which encompasses many areas such as housing needs, education, industry, transportation, etc.
 - C. Children’s Social Services/Mental Health** – Bev Mensing/Katie Nelson/Darlene Hlidek – They have not met.
 - D. Adult Social Services/Mental Health** – Jessica Seibert / Bob Marcum / Marlene Abear – They have not met. Bob Marcum discussed the Native American presentation he attended and the CQS Committee he sits on at the State. He also talked about the committee that Joel Hoppe sits on at the State level which involves two areas: 1) Good Food Initiative involving access to good food as it relates to diabetes; 2) Drug Utilization and Management Initiative which has to do with keeping narcotics prescriptions in line with all the doctors. Bob suggested the appointment of Joel to the Adult Social Services Task Force as a citizen member. The vote was tabled for a review of the By-Laws.
- VI. Budget Committee Report/Update** – Jim Carlson / Jessica Seibert – They have nothing new to report.
- VII. Comments:**
- A. Comments from the Committee Members for the Commissioners relative to HHS** – Julie Anne Larkin noted from an earlier conversation today regarding the Governor’s Task Force and the lack of trained people coming out of schools with the required education to fill the positions needed to fulfill the recommendations and mandates, that she has a background in Collaborative Groups and she would like to look into ways to fill these roles and how people can partner to meet the needs of the population.
 - B. Feedback from the Board Meeting – April 28, 2015 – Darlene Hlidek / Marlene Abear** -
 1. It was noted that the Funeral Home rates were increased for anyone receiving a county burial through Aitkin County.
 2. It was also noted that it was brought to the County Board’s attention that with the Recommendations from the Governor’s Task Force there will probably not be enough people trained or coming out of school with the needed education to fulfill the volume of staff needed to implement the recommendations.

C. Committee Members scheduled to attend upcoming Board Meetings in 2015:

MAY 26	Gayle Janzen	Katie Nelson	JUNE 23	Holly Bray	Roberta Elvecrog
JULY 28	Holly Bray	Roberta Elvecrog	AUGUST 25	Bob Marcum	Roberta Elvecrog
SEPTEMBER 22	Jessica Seibert	Marlene Abear	OCTOBER 27	Jim Carlson	Amanda Voller
NOVEMBER 24	Bob Marcum	_____	DECEMBER 22	_____	_____

VIII. Miscellaneous Discussion

A. Mental Health Awareness Month Presentations / Invitations – Ann Rivas, Social Services Supervisor, Adult services, spoke to the group about the Green Ribbon Pins that were given to everyone today and encouraging them to wear the pins with pride in support of May being Mental Health Awareness Month to help break down the stigma of mental health and welcome conversations about mental health as well as become a community friendly to those with mental health issues. Ann also discussed upcoming training available to the committee members which include the one on Monday, May 18th from 7-9 pm. At the City Hall in Hill City which is QPR Training (Question, Persuade and Refer) which focuses on Suicide Prevention. Ann also invited the committee members to an Open House on Thursday, May 21st at the Aitkin Public Library from 12-1:30 p.m. for a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) presentation titled, “Let’s Make it Okay” to learn more about Mental Health.

B. **Social Services Caseload Statistical Report** - Diane Eastman handed out the report noting special emphasis of the volume of intakes during the month of March.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Jessica Seibert, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Joy Janzen, Chairperson

Julie Lueck, Clerk to the
Aitkin County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

The following documents were included in the packet of information sent to members for review prior to the meeting or distributed at the meeting:

- Draft copy of the Minutes of the April 1, 2015, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft Copy of April 28, 2015, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Handouts for Early Childhood Screening Presentation
- Mental Health Awareness Month Presentations / Invitations (2)
- Copy of the Certificate of Appreciation from The ANGELS
- Aging in Aitkin County – Rural Aging Initiative PowerPoint & the Aitkin County White House Conference on Aging Listening Session invitation – Beth Leaf