

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Committee Members Present: Marlene Abear
Holly Bray
Jim Carlson
Diane Eastman, AFSCME Union Rep.
Roberta Elvecrog
Kami Genz, CMCC
Gayle Janzen
Joy Janzen
Julie Anne Larkin
Kristine Layne, Riverwood HealthCare
Bob Marcum
Commissioner Anne Marcotte
Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

Others Present: Ann Rivas, Social Service Supervisor
Jessi Schultz, Social Service Supervisor
Jessi Goble, Income Maintenance Supervisor
Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor
Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Advisory Committee

Guests: Joel Hoppe

Absent: Bev Mensing, Red Cross
Katie Nelson, Riverwood Foundation
Jessica Seibert, HRA
Amanda Voller, Workforce Center

Introduction of Financial Workers: Bonnie Ganz, DeAnn Lamke, Jane Arnold, Jen Rikala, Kathy Kelsey, Nancy Schneider, and Nikky Laird (Janet Hatfield and Kaycie Tohm were not present).

- I. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Gayle Janzen, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda.
- II. Approval of Minutes of the October 7, 2015 Meeting**
Motion by Kristine Layne, seconded by Diane Eastman, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting as presented.
- III. Budget Update – Kathleen Ryan** - Kathleen updated the Committee that the Board has approved what was presented but the levy amount was lowered by \$30,000.00 so we are going in at \$2,530,000 which is a 14% increase. We are projected to spend approximately \$436,000 out of reserves. Kathy discussed the numerous areas that impact the health & human services budget.
- IV. Task Force Reports/Updates:**
 - A. Corrections** - Kami Genz/Roberta Elvecrog - Kami updated the committee that Crow Wing

County may be pulling out of the Aitkin/Morrison/Crow Wing Joint Powers and making the Probation staff Crow Wing county employees instead of State staff.

- B. Public Health** – Bob Marcum / Kristine Layne - Kristine discussed the hiring of new PH Nurses at a higher pay rate than current staff who have not received a market adjustment.
- C. Children’s Social Services/Mental Health** – Bev Mensing/Katie Nelson - No report.
- D. Adult Social Services/Mental Health** – Jessica Seibert / Bob Marcum / Marlene Abear - Bob discussed the CQS Committee he serves on and encouraged folks to participate in State Surveys in order to provide feedback.

V. Budget Committee Report/Update – Jim Carlson / Jessica Seibert - No report.

VI. Comments:

A. Comments from the Committee Members for the Commissioners relative to HHS - No comments.

B. Feedback from the Board Meetings

- 1. October 27, 2015 – Roberta Elvecrog** - Roberta reviewed the discussions noted in the Board Minutes. It was also noted there is a need for Volunteer Drivers through the H&HS Agency to provide rides for MA reimbursable consumers. Brochures will be sent to Advisory members when they are finalized.

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

NOVEMBER 24	Bob Marcum	Amanda Voller
DECEMBER 22	Julie Ann Larkin	Roberta Elvecrog

VII. Miscellaneous Discussion/Additions to the Agenda - (Nothing was added.)

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Jim Carlson, seconded by Gayle Janzen, and carried; the vote was to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 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 October 7, 2015, Advisory Committee Meeting
- Draft Copy of October 27, 2015, Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
- Good Foods Brochure - Revised