

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2016**

I. Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of February, 2016, at 9:10 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners, Ann Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Don Niemi and Laurie Westerlund; and others present included: County Administrator Nathan Burkett; H&HS Staff Members Ann Rivas, Social Service Supervisor; Jessi Goble, Financial Assistance Supervisor; Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Adam Hoogenakker, Aitkin Independent Age; and Roberta Elvecrog, Amanda Voller, and Bob Marcum, H&HS Advisory Committee Members; Bob Harwarth and Georgia Johnson, Citizens; and Michael Hagen, Aitkin Growth.

II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda with the deletion of V. General/Miscellaneous Information, A. Update on High-end Placements. Tom Burke will be obtaining additional information on this topic and will bring it to the March 22nd Board Meeting. Substitute V. Contracts, Purchase of Service Contract for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 between Lakes & Pines CAC and ACHHS for the Family Resource Specialist services.

III. Review January 26, 2016 Health & Human Service Board Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Health & Human Services Board Meeting.

IV. Review Bills

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried; the vote was to approve the Bills.

~~**V. General/Miscellaneous Information**~~

~~A. **Update on High-end Placements – Ann Rivas & Kathy Ryan** – This item was removed from the agenda and will be addressed at the March 22nd Board Meeting.~~

V. Contracts

A. Purchase of Service Agreement for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 between Lakes & Pines CAC, Mora, and ACHHS for the Family Resource Specialist services. *Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried, the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 between Lakes & Pines CAC, Mora, and ACHHS for the Family Resource Specialist services.*

VI. Administrative Reports:

A. Financial & Transportation Reports - Kathleen Ryan noted the transportation costs were lower due to the drop in gasoline prices. She also noted that the Foster Care numbers are on course.

VII. Committee Reports from Commissioners

A. **H&HS Advisory Committee** – Commissioners Westerlund and/or Marcotte
Committee Members attending today: Amanda Voller & Bob Marcum
Draft Copy of the February 3rd meeting minutes.

Bob Marcum discussed three areas: 1) Amy Wyant's presentation of the 2015 H&HS Report; 2) Differences between health care in rural and urban areas of the state; 3) Estate claims after signing up w/MNSure (MNCare vs MA) noting articles in the Duluth News/Tribune. Amanda Voller spoke to the fact the Workforce Center is working with Northland Counseling Center with hopes that the WRAP program will address MH early on to educate folks and help prevent addiction on top of Mental Health issues.

- B. **AEOA Committee Update** – Commissioner Westerlund updated the Board of the expensive AEOA Building Project noting that no one from the Virginia areas was hired to do the construction. She also noted that Harlan Tardy will be retiring.
- * **Tri-County Community Health Services Board (CHS)**
Commissioner Westerlund / Erin Melz / Tom Burke
Commissioner Westerlund also noted CHS was not on this agenda but updated the Board that Ben Kofoed is the new Director and is doing a very good job. Their meeting provided updates on Northland, LPH, SCHSAC and the individual county Public Health updates.
- C. **NEMOJT Committee Update** – Commissioner Napstad discussed the Environmental Quality Board.
- D. **CJI (Children's Justice Initiative)** – Commissioner Westerlund - No Meeting.
- E. **Lakes & Pines Update** – Commissioner Niemi - No Meeting.
- F. Commissioner Marcotte noted that they just received word that our group was not chosen to go to Washington, D.C. for the Stepping Up Initiative Conference.

VIII. Break at 10:24 a.m. for 10 minutes

Next Meeting – March 22, 2016