

AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2016

I. Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 27th day of September, 2016, at 9:04 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Chairperson Commissioner Mark Wedel; Commissioners, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, Don Niemi, and Laurie Westerlund; and others present included: Interim County Administrator Patrick Wussow; H&HS Staff Members Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor; Kathy Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor; Jessi Schultz & Heather Overn, Social Service Supervisors; Jessi Goble, Financial Assistance Supervisor; Julie Lueck, Clerk to the Health & Human Services Board; and guests; Adam Hoogenakker, Aitkin Independent Age; and Katie Nelson, Amanda Voller and Bob Marcum, H&HS Advisory Committee Members; Bob Harwarth, Bill Pratt, and Bart Law, Citizens.

II. Approval of Health & Human Services Board Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried; the vote was to approve the Agenda.

III. Review August 23, 2016 Health & Human Service Board Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried; the vote was to approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2016 Health & Human Services Board Meeting.

IV. Review Bills

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

V. General/Miscellaneous Information

A. NEMT (Non-Emergency Medical Transportation) - Jessi Goble discussed the fact we were notified on June 30th that as of July 1st we were to take over the Mode 4 transportation for ambulatory patients for handling the paperwork involved in transporting and seeking reimbursements. Within the next 20-22 months we will also get Modes 5-7 to pay for and seek reimbursement through MA Access adding to our workload.

B. NACo (National Association of Counties) Appointments of Tom Burke

1. Confirmed nomination as member of the Health Steering Committee

Consensus of the Board was to table the approval of this appointment until the next meeting.

2. Member appointment of the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board

Consensus of the Board was to table the approval of this appointment until the next meeting.

C. Anoka Regional Treatment Center - Kathy Ryan & Pat Wussow discussed the letter to Shirley Jacobson at DHS with respect to a payment plan of \$500.00 per month towards our debt with Anoka Metro RTC. Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried, the vote was to approve the payment plan of \$500.00 for the Cost of Care Claims over 90 days with the hopes for legislation to relook at the legislation that directs these charges.

VI. Contracts/Agreements

- A. Secure Transport Services Agreement between General Security Services Corporation (GSSC) and ACHHS effective September 1, 2016 and ongoing as needed.** *Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte, and carried; the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Secure Transport Services Agreement between General Security Services Corporation (GSSC) and ACHHS effective September 1, 2016 and ongoing as needed.*
- B. WIC Agreement between Hill City Assembly of God Church & ACHHS to provide space to administer the WIC Program from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.** *Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi, and carried; the vote was to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the WIC Agreement between Hill City Assembly of God Church & ACHHS to provide space to administer the WIC Program from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.*

VII. Administrative Reports:

- A. Financial Reports** - Kathleen Ryan noted that we are 75% of the way through the year and we are at 74% of the budget. Kathy also discussed the tracking for over payments as a pass through for folks leaving placements and retrieving the money to return to the State. Commissioner Napstad asked for a graph showing the trend line throughout the year for the funding balance.

VIII. Committee Reports from Commissioners

- A. H&HS Advisory Committee** – Commissioners Westerlund and/or Marcotte
Committee Members attending today: Katie Nelson & Amanda Voller
Draft Copy of the September 7th meeting minutes included in packet.
Commissioners Westerlund & Marcotte noted there was a Family Services Collaborative presentation and discussion from the various Task Forces. It was also noted the committee members served the Community Meal at First Lutheran Church.
- B. AEOA Committee Update** – Commissioner Westerlund – Next meeting is in October.
- C. NEMOJT Committee Update** – Commissioner Napstad – Next meeting is October 8th.
Commissioner Napstad discussed the various grants and their impact. Amanda Voller asked Commissioners to encourage their schools to send 9-12 grade students to the "Construct Tomorrow" program on October 19th. Forty-five students from Aitkin will be attending.
- D. CJI (Children's Justice Initiative)** – Commissioner Westerlund noted they discussed change in placement forms and confidentiality as well as Policy and Procedures in the Child Protection area. She also noted that Judge Solien will be retiring by the end of this year.
- E. Lakes & Pines Update** – Commissioner Niemi said their meeting discussion was on the center-based versus home based-concept. He has contacted Amy Klobuchar about his concerns of not getting teachers into the homes, busing or barriers involving transporting the children to the centers in rural areas, and the new requirement of having "degreed" teachers requiring more money in wages.

IX. Break at 10:08 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

Next Meeting – October 25, 2016