



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Date: February 19, 2025  
Place: Lyon County Government Center  
Commissioners Room  
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 a.m.  
Adjourned: 10:29 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday February 19, 2025 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Wakefield.

Members present:	Gary Crowley	Dennis Welgraven
	Doug Nagel	Dan Wildermuth
	Maydra Maas	Jeane Anderson
	Dean Nielsen	Rick Wakefield
	Lois Schmidt	Jackie Meier
	Todd Draper	Greg Burger
	Jim Salfer	Suanne Ohme
	Gary Overgaard	Steve Hauswedell

Members absent:	Joan Jagt	Les Nath
-----------------	-----------	----------

Staff present:	Lisa DeBoer	Beth Wilms
	Chantelle Fogelson	Carol Biren
	Tasha Kuehn	Nancy Walker
	Sherri Pickthorn	Stacy Jorgensen
	Jennifer Nelson	Stacey Longtin
	Michelle Buysse	Ashley VanOverbeke
	Janet Bush	McKenna Rothstein

**A. Consent Agenda-**

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were no additions or changes. Chairperson Wakefield asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 15th meeting. There were none. Motion by Commissioner Crowley, second by Chairperson Wakefield to approve the Consent Agenda and Board Minutes from January 15, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Introduction of New Staff-**

Director Beth Wilms came forward to introduce new staff.

- McKenna Rothstein, Social Worker- Restorative Practices, Marshall
- McKayla Kaardal, Social Worker- Long Term Care, Redwood Falls

**C. Employee Recognition-**

Director Beth Wilms indicated that staff are present to receive recognition.

- Tasha Kuehn, Eligibility Worker, Marshall, Ten Years
- Keri Petersen, Eligibility Worker, Luverne, Fifteen Years

**D. Financial-**

Lisa DeBoer, Director of Business Management, came forward with the financials for the month of January. The month of January started out with a beginning balance in checking of \$2,137,876 and ended at \$1,561,176. We ended January with an overall cash & investment balance of \$14,741,423. When excluding the designated and restricted funds, the ending balance for the month was \$11,819,907; which is up approximately \$1.0M from this time last year. The self-insurance fund was at \$1,581,238 as of the end of the month. Compared to prior year, the fund is up \$306,083. To date, that fund balance is at \$1.6 M. The Fund Balances for Fund 01 (PH) was \$4,074,036 and Fund 05 (HS) was at \$7,745,871. Looking at the numbers from a budget prospective for month end, Public Health is 4% over budget for revenues and 0% at budget for expenditures. Overall to date, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$164,625. For the Human Services perspective we are 2% under budget for revenues and 0% at budget for expenditures. Overall to date, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$709,722. Motion by Commissioner Crowley, second by Commissioner Wildermuth to move the financials to the Community Health Board. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Caseload-**

Director Wilms asked if there were any comments or concerns about the caseload. There were no questions.

**F. Discussion/Information-**

1. Governor's Budget Impact- County Cost Shifts- Stacy Jorgensen, Sherri Pickthorn  
Social Service Supervisors Stacy Jorgensen and Sherri Pickthorn came forward with information on the impact of the budget and the county cost shifts. Jorgensen brought some of the major concerns up to Board and what the future may hold for the Counties financial responsibilities for certain programs.

2. Complex Transition Case- Stacey Longtin

Social Services Stacey Longtin came forward on a complex transition case. Longtin explained that she works with people over the age of sixty five and it is rare for her to have severe complex cases. Currently there is a case with an individual that is over sixty five with high level of needs and has been held in the hospital for two years as there is no placement for the client. The type of waivers the client is eligible for now do not pay for this level of care the client requires. Longtin explained she was able to work with a new program from the State of Minnesota called Complex Transition Team. She has been the first County to work with this program and they have been great to work with. The client is currently still being held in the hospital as they look for placement as they are running into many barriers. There is one placement option in a Minnesota State- Operated Community Services facility but the daily rate is \$2,000 and the elderly waiver has a maximum amount of \$6,000 a month. Longtin explained that they are working on legislation that is supposed to happen in 2026 to increase the elderly waiver budget and implement rate exceptions. If this does happen Longtin can request a rate exception for this client. In the meantime, the complex transition team is looking for grant dollars to help with the gap. Longtin explained we would have to develop a contract with the facility and we would be the payor source and get reimbursed. To protect ourselves in the contract Longtin would want language if the rate exception doesn't get passed in 2026 that we would not be liable for the gap. Longtin will bring the final contract to the Board when available.

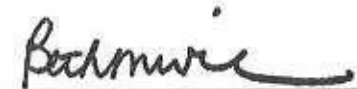
G. Decision Items-

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Approved Date 3-19-25

Authorized   
Vice Chairperson, Human Services Board

  
Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest:   
Director