



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

Date: April 21st, 2021
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 10:44am
Adjourned: 11:23am

The monthly meeting of the Governing Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 in the Commissioners room of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street, in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anderson.

Members present: Rick Anderson
Greg Burger
Steve Hauswedell
Les Nath
David Thiner
Jim Salfer
Charles Sanow
Rick Wakefield
Dennis Welgraven
Dan Wildermuth

Members on phone: Lois Schmidt
Sherri Thompson

Members absent: Jeane Anderson
Carol Flahaven
Joan Jagt
Steve Schulze
Corey Sik

Staff present: Carol Biren Amanda Holzapehl
Sarah Kirchner Cindy Nelson
Tanlee Noomen Ann Orren
Nancy Walker Beth Wilms

Staff present by phone: Monica Christianson

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Reconvened: 10:55am

P. Consent Agenda –

Chairperson Anderson asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Chairperson Anderson asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. Anderson asked for if there were any corrections that need to be made to the March 17th, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion by Salfer and second by Nath: To approve the additions to the agenda and meeting minutes as presented. Roll call taken for any members opposed. Hearing none motion carried unanimously.

R. Financial –

Chairperson Anderson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the financial report as given during the Human Services Board meeting. There were none. Motion made by Burger and second by Welgraven: To approve the financial report as forwarded by the Human Services Board. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Human Resource Statistics.

Chairperson Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the statistics given. There were none.

T. Discussion/Information Items –

None

U. Decision Items –

Chairperson Anderson requested items 1-5 be given together.

1. Taalyr Egeness, County Agency Social Worker CPS, probationary appointment (12 months), \$25.25 per hour, effective 4/12/2021; 2. Taylor Hardwick, County Agency Social Worker, probationary appointment (12 months), \$24.12 per hour, effective 4/12/2021; 3. Blake Nath, County Agency Social Worker, probationary appointment (6 months), no change in rate of pay, effective 4/12/2021; 4. Deann Holland, Public Health Educator, probationary appointment (12 months). \$26.00 per hour, effective 4/12/2021; 5. Ashlee Zuehlsdorf, Office Support Specialist, probationary appointment (12 months), \$14.97 per hour, effective 4/26/2021. Motion made by Wildermuth second by Thompson: To approve the probationary appointments as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Cindy Nelson, Social Services Division Director, and Amanda Holzapfel, Social Services Supervisor (Children's), came forward to request the approval of a County Agency Social Worker (Adoption). Nelson explained that currently we have one staff budgeted for the Adoption Social Worker. The work load has been too much for one staff to take care of and would like the approval to have two staff working with adoptions. The Personal Committee had discussed this position in great lengths and supports the request. Motion made by Salfer second by Nath: To approve the request for a Social Worker (Adoption). Motion carried unanimously.

7. Nancy Walker, Deputy Director, came forward to request the Phased Retirement Option for Pam Beckmann. Walker explained that Beckmann has been an Eligibility Worker who has been

working with Long Term Care clients for many years. The Agency would like use the PRO to allow Beckmann to train in her replacement. Motion made by Thiner second by Sanow: To approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Walker explained that the Agency had been contacted by Secure Benefits which is the vendor that is used to provide staff with flexible benefits for both Medical and Dependent care expenses. The American Rescue Plan Act 2021 allows employers to temporarily allow staff to raise the amount spent on dependent care from \$5,000 to \$10,500. The employee is only able to use what they contribute. Motion made by Wildermuth second by Burger: To approve the request as presented for the year of 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Donations: None presented

10. Director Wilms listed the contracts as provided in the Board packets. Motion made by Nath second by Anderson: To approve the contracts as presented.

Chairperson Anderson asked if there was anything else to be discussed. Hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wildermuth second by Welgraven: To adjourn the meeting at 11:23 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved Date May 19, 2021

Authorized 
Chairperson, Governing Board


Recording Secretary, Governing Board

Attest: 
Director