



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2021
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:30 am
Adjourned: 9:54 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Salfer.

Members present:

- Jeane Anderson
- Rick Anderson
- Greg Burger
- Steve Hauswedell
- Jim Salfer
- Charles Sanow
- Lois Schmidt
- David Thiner
- Rick Wakefield
- Dennis Welgraven
- Dan Wildermuth

Members absent:

- Carol Ann Flahaven
- Joan Jagt
- Les Nath
- Steve Schulze
- Corey Sik

Members present by phone: Sherri Thompson

Staff present:

Carol Biren	Chris Cauwels
Monica Christianson	Lisa DeBoer
Toni Lecy	Cindy Nelson
Ann Orren	Nancy Walker
Beth Wilms	

K. **Consent Agenda-**

Chairperson Salfer asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Salfer asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. He asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Berger second by Wakefield: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

L. **Financial –**

Chairperson Salfer stated the Financials had been received during the Human Services Board, and will be moved to the Governing Board. Motion by Sanow second by Welgraven to move financials to Governing Board. The motion carried unanimously.

M. **Caseload-**

Chairperson Salfer asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the caseload. None were stated.

N. **Discussion/Information-**

1. SCHSAC Update, Chairperson Salfer/Carol Biren,

Chairperson Salfer discussed the SCHSAC meeting held in August. The SCHSAC meetings will be virtual for the rest of the year and hope to be back in person in 2022. The next time the meeting recap is received it will be included in the Board packet. Community Health awards have been on hold for the past couple of years. Biren discussed the Local Public Health grant increase of \$131,000+ for our Community Health Board and \$6M infrastructure funding. There is a SCHSAC workgroup working on the guidelines for the infrastructure funding to support the public health infrastructure, data analysis, communications, etc. The anticipated funds are to be around \$120,000 for the Community Health Board by March or April 2022. SCHSAC will be working with MDH to distribute the funds. Community Health Boards and Tribal Boards are eligible for the funds. The new director for the center of public health practice will be the liaison between MDH and Local Public Health.

Salfer read a statement from Kris Ehresmann, Director of Infectious Disease at MDH, on COVID, "The Delta variant has accounted for the increase in positive testing in hospitals and ICU admissions and a higher rate of cases in Minnesota. In the beginning of the pandemic there were more cases of residents at long term care facilities contracting COVID; now it is shifting and the staff is contracting COVID more than the residents."

Biren discussed the current COVID variants and breakthrough infections. The current Delta variant is more transmissible and stronger than the previous variants. The variants will keep mutating if we don't have enough people vaccinated.

Ann Orren gave COVID vaccination updates for the six counties, 12 – 15 year olds are at 34% who have had at least one dose; 16 – 17 year olds, 43%; 18 – 49 year olds, 46%; 50 – 64 year olds, 63%; over 65 year olds, 82%. Vaccines for age group 5 – 11 year olds should be approved by Thanksgiving. Some counties have higher vaccine rates. Lyon County is at 95 - 96% for those

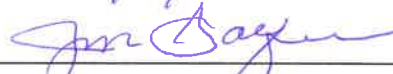
over 65 years old. MDH Situation Update, shows vaccination rates at Mn.gov/covid/vaccine. Biren will send the link to the website to the board members. Some of the vaccine numbers may not be accurate because people may live in our counties but get vaccines in other counties or travel to Sioux Falls, also the VA doesn't report vaccines to the state.

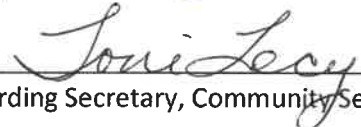
I. **Decision Items-**


No decision items.

Chairperson Salfer asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:54 am.

Approved Date 11/17/21

Authorized 
Chairperson, Community Health Board


Recording Secretary, Community Services Board

Attest: 
Director