



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Date: April 20, 2022
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 am
Adjourned: 9:45 am

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Welgraven. The Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Members present:

Jeane Anderson
Rick Anderson
Steve Hauswedell
Les Nath
Jim Salfer
Charles Sanow
Lois Schmidt
Corey Sik
David Thiner
Sherri Thompson
Rick Wakefield
Dennis Welgraven
Greg Burger
Joan Jagt

Members absent:

Corey Sik
Dan Wildermuth
Steve Schulze

Staff present:

Ann Orren	Carol Biren	
Kristin Deacon	Lisa DeBoer	
Stacey Strand	Stacey Longtin	
Cindy Nelson	Nicole Slegers	
Nancy Walker	Beth Wilms	Ashlee Zuehlsdorf
Chelsea Self	Stacy Jorgensen	Alyssa Regnier
Erin Klumper	Michelle Buysse	Emilie Potter
Kim Kraatz	Monica Christianson	Stacy Kuehl
Mariah Cleppe	Brittany Erickson	Chris Cauwels

- C. Consent Agenda-
Chairperson Welgraven asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none indicated. Welgraven 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 March 16, 2022 meeting. There were none. Motion by C. Sanow second by S: to approve. Hauswedell the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Introduction of New Staff:
Director Beth Wilms came forward to introduce new staff.
Alicia Tschetter, Social Worker (CP), Marshall
Shaniya Mattison, Social Worker (CP), Pipestone
Stacy Kuehl, Office Support Specialist, Sr., Redwood Falls
Brittany Erickson, Social Worker (CP), Slayton
- E. Employee Recognition:
Director Wilms indicated that staff are present to receive recognition.
Taalyr Egeness, 1 year, Social Worker (CPS), Pipestone
Deann Holland, 1 year, Health Educator, Marshall
Jennifer Palmer, 1 year, Social Worker (CPS), Redwood Falls
Ashlee Zuehlsdorf, 1 year, Office Support Specialist Sr., Redwood Falls
Blake Nath, 5 years, Social Worker (AMH), Marshall
Kimberly Kratz, 10 years, Case Aide, Marshall
Jennifer Syverson, 20 years, Social Worker (MSW), Redwood Falls
William Caven, 30 years, Social Worker (MN CHOICES), Redwood Falls
Darin Donner, 30 years, Social Worker (LTC), Redwood Fall
- F. Financial-
Lisa DeBoer, Director of Business Management, came forward to present the March 2022 financials. The month of March started out with a beginning balance in checking of \$3,136,163 and ended at \$5,223,964. Remaining 1st quarter PH levy funding of \$. We ended March with an overall cash and investment balance of \$8,757,033. When excluding the designated funds, the ending balance for the month was \$7,368,588, which is up \$2.3 million from last year at this time. The self-insurance fund was at \$1,020,096 as of the end of the month. The fund is down approximately \$8,059 from the prior year. As of today, that fund balance is \$973,813. Fund Balances: Fund 01 (PH) \$3,489,931, Fund 05 (HS) \$. Looking at the numbers from a budget perspective for month end: Public Health was 9 percent OVER budget for revenues and 2 percent UNDER budget for expenditures. Overall, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$428,258. Human Services was 10 percent UNDER budget for revenues and 4 percent UNDER budget for expenditures. Overall, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,821,328. Agency wide expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,393,070.
- Motion by C. Sanow second by L. Nath: to forward the Financials to the Governing Board. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Caseload-
Director Wilms asked if there were any comments or concerns about the caseload. No questions were stated.

H. Discussion/Information-

1. Child Protection Information – Erin Klumper, Emily Potter, and Mariah Cleppe are here to give a talk on child protection. Starts with centralized intake. Recently changed to 1 backup worker for the whole agency. This happens so that we can respond immediately. They have 24 hours to respond to these calls. They have a screening meeting every morning per state guidelines. DHS does have a rapid response team. Family investigation, facility investigation. Sometimes consult county attorneys when the family is not dealing with us. Children can be removed on 72 hour hold where law enforcement comes with us to remove the children or emergency hold with court order. Voluntary placement if family is in agreement. Social workers try really hard to keep them within their families. Coordinate family visits, sibling visits. Lots of communication with foster care, courts, and family members. 24 hours or 5 calendar days to get contact within those time frames. Funding is withheld if we don't meet those time frames. We do background checks for families. Work a lot with tribal notifications and get them information. We only have 24 hours to provide those notices. We often coordinate with law enforcement. Safety assessment makes sure the children are safe in the home. Ongoing case management to try to prevent removal of children. If children are removed for a long period of time we are always looking at permanency. 1 year with chips involvement we should be at permanency. Social workers often end up in trial. R. Anderson wants to know percentage of reunification.

2. Committee Board member updates – Beth stated that we brought this up to be filled in with what is happening with Southwestern Mental Health. G. Berger stated that they are in the process of reinventing the wheel to provide more revenue for the agency. Pretty unified in keeping agency going. One complication is that we provide funding. Mandated service. Other 4 counties served by western mental health. Southwest is our mental health authority in joint powers so it is our responsibility to provide this service for all 6 counties.


3. AMC regional meeting in June 9, 2022. Looking at the country club in Pipestone. Approved an agreement on the language on an opioid settlement. Language is going through the legislation. Cities signed on as well. The funds should just be a roll over to the counties. Settlement for 18 years. Heavy on the front end first 9 years or so. First payment looking like July.


We are in the process of procurement. A recommendation will be coming forward for this. Work in progress. This will be an addition to the governing board.

I. Decision Items – none.

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Approved Date 5-18-2022

Authorized 
Chairperson, Human Services Board


Recording Secretary, Human Services Board



Attest: _____
Director