



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2022
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 a.m.
Adjourned: 9:51 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wildermuth. The Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Members present:

- Jeane Anderson
- Rick Anderson
- Les Nath
- Jim Salfer
- Lois Schmidt
- David Thiner
- Dennis Welgraven
- Greg Burger
- Rick Wakefield
- Charles Sanow
- Dan Wildermuth
- Sherri Thompson
- Steve Hauswedell
- Maydra Maas

Members absent:

- Joan Jagt
- Steve Schulze
- Corey Sik

Staff present:

Carol Biren	Nancy Walker
Lisa DeBoer	Beth Wilms
Ann Orren	Chris Cauwels
Nicole Slegers	Michelle Buysse
Stacey Longtin	Erika Morrow
Lori Sanderson	Sherri Pickthorn
Becca Baumann	

C. Consent Agenda-

Chairperson Wildermuth asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none indicated. Wildermuth 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 August 17, 2022 meeting. There were none. Motion by G. Burger second by C. Sanow to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Introduction of New Staff:

Director Beth Wilms came forward to introduce new staff.

- Erika Morrow, Social Worker (LTC), Marshall
- Brady Dinger, Social Worker (CPS), Pipestone

E. Employee Recognition:

Director Wilms indicated that staff are present to receive recognition.

- Kia Balster, 1 year, Eligibility Worker, Luverne
- Becca Baumann, 5 years, Social Worker, (CW), Marshall
- Nancy Walker, 30 years, Deputy Director, Luverne

F. Financial-

Lisa DeBoer, Director of Business Management, came forward to present the August 2022 financials. The month of August started out with a beginning balance in checking of \$5,221,474 and ended at \$4,532,194. The investment balance remains at \$3,000,000 until October. We ended August with an overall cash and investment balance of \$11,073,388. When excluding the designated funds, the ending balance for the month was \$10,093,153, which is up \$1,800,000 from last year at this time. The self-insurance fund was at \$700,530 as of the end of the month. The fund has decreased by \$388,877 from the prior year. As of today, that fund balance is \$574,215. Fund Balances: Fund 01 (PH) \$3,792,899, Fund 05 (HS) \$6,300,254. Looking at the numbers from a budget perspective for month end: Public Health was 12 percent OVER budget for revenues and 7 percent UNDER budget for expenditures. Overall, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$724,081. Human Services was 3 percent UNDER budget for revenues and 4 percent UNDER budget for expenditures. Overall, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$385,513. Agency wide revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,109,594.

Motion by D. Welgraven second by D. Thiner 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. Discussion was asked about OOHHP caseloads. M. Buysse stated that caseloads are about the same as a year ago but maybe more complex as we do not have any placements for them. B. Wilms stated that we are going to see more of these high acuity cases. We have no placements due to no staff in placement facilities.

H. Discussion/Information-

1. Waiver Services Update by Sherri Pickthorn and Lori Sanderson

CADI Waiver is for people 65 and under who are certified disabled, on MA, and meet the Nursing Facility Level of Care. They can continue on CADI waiver after 65 if eligible. CAC Waiver is for people under 65 who are certified disabled, on MA, and meet the Hospital Level of Care. They can stay on CAC waiver after 65 if eligible. BI Waiver is for people of any age who have had a traumatic brain injury and are certified disabled and on MA. DD Waiver is for people who have a documented developmental disability and are certified disabled on MA. We currently have 17 case managers and 1 supervisor, and last year we serviced over 900 cases. S. Pickthorn discussed the daily routine of many social workers. They can call over 60 companies for placement and only 1 placement will ever call and have room for one of our difficult cases. The state has many houses closing, which causes the lack of services. They go to ER's and hospitals until they can get placement due to the fact that there are no facilities open and willing to take our clients. Providers in our areas are not accepting any new clients. Closest placements can be 5 ½ hours away and our workers have to bring those peoples belongings to them on separate trips. S. Pickthorn discussed having issues with going between state lines with clients and MA covering their services. This is an ongoing issue. In the last twelve months, four homes have closed in Redwood County alone. L. Sanderson stated that one hard part of their jobs are when case managers have to act as personal representatives. They are making those hard decisions such as DNR and life saving measures. A lot more appeals are happening in this area of work. DHS Crisis services have a 1-year waiting list. A lot of good in their work too. Families are appreciative and seeing the positive changes in the cases.

2. Homeless Prevention Grant

B. Wilms stated that DHS is sending funds for homelessness prevention grant. Since we do not deal with homelessness we work with Local Community Action who are our Community partners. They typically deal with homelessness. We will be sending these dollars on to the Local Community Action. Allocation will be to prevent homelessness. More information after meeting October 3rd between Local Community Action and Southwest Health & Human Services.

I. Decision Items:

1. Social Services Policy 24 – Payments for Children in Out of Home Placement

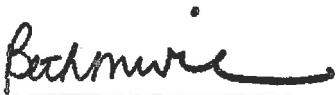
Request to delete Section 1 – Procedure, For Individuals on the Legacy Program, Letter a. and b. Request to delete Section 2- Maintenance Payments for Foster Care, Section d. M. Buysse gave some background on the Legacy program. Motion by R. Anderson second by L. Nath to approve the changes to Social Service Policy Number 24. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Wildermuth asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Approved Date Oct 19 2022

Authorized 
Chairperson, Human Services Board


Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest: 
Director