



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

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

Opened: 9:51 a.m.
Adjourned: 10:07 a.m.

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

Members present:

- Jeane Anderson
- Rick Anderson
- Les Nath
- Lois Schmidt
- David Thiner
- Dennis Welgraven
- Rick Wakefield
- Charles Sanow
- Steve Hauswedell
- Corey Sik

Members absent:

- Joan Jagt
- Steve Schulze
- Jim Salfer
- Sherri Thompson
- Maydra Maas
- Greg Burger
- Dan Wildermuth

Staff present:

Carol Biren	Beth Wilms	Ann Orren
Chris Cauwels	Nicole Slegers	Christine Versaevel
Lisa DeBoer	Nancy Walker	Cindy Nelson
Michelle Buysse	Mariah Cleppe	Megan Boerboom
Heather Bruse	Elaine Herrick	Tiffany Bailey
Destinee Miranowski	Doug Nagel	

J. **Call to Order**

K. Consent Agenda-

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Wakefield 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 November 16, 2022 meeting. Motion by D. Thiner second by C. Sanow to approve the agenda with the addition and as presented the November 16, 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Financial –

Chairperson Wakefield stated the Financials had been received during the Human Services Board, and will be moved to the Governing Board.

M. Caseload-

Director Wilms asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the caseload. None were stated.

N. Discussion/Information-

1. CDC Grant – Carol Biren

Much planning work went into this grant. The grant was awarded at about forty-one million dollars. Approximately 23 million stays with the State of Minnesota but will influence local public health. About 16 million will be for Community Health Boards. Recruitment and retention will be discussed for the whole workforce along with supporting workforce. Training and strengthening our system is also a concern. There has been much discussion around staffing shortage for the system as a whole. C. Biren stated that she believes that the turnaround time for applying for this grant will be very tight. She stated that we would apply for infrastructure in staffing. It is a five-year grant. We could use other funding to cover a position if we hired a position under this grant and then the grant went away. The federal government is putting more money into the programs to help the state. C. Biren is looking for direction from the board on how to handle applying for this grant.

Motion by C. Sanow second by D. Thiner to allow C. Biren to apply for the CDC grant without coming to the board for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

O. Decision Items-

1. Health Equity grant – Ann Orren


A. Orren stated that she applied for grant in September 2022. Covid demonstrated a need for this grant. Since Covid started, we are facing increased poverty, healthy food shortage and expense, along with education items. Due to staff shortage, we are unable to put a lot of staffing into this. A. Orren discussed the three areas she requested additional funding for within the grant. 1. Expand cultures on the prairie event. DEI commission helps put on this event. It is normally a one-day event but with the funding, it will extend it to a 2-day event. Day 2 will be a Simulation for Sam – where he will discuss Cambodian refugee camps. The grant will help pay for food and scholarships for registration to go to the simulation. We will just be a pass through for the funding.

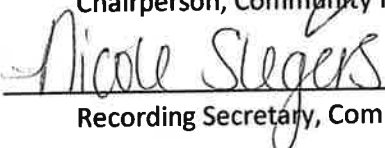
2. Funding for the Wilder research to create focus groups. This helps with the community health assessment information. They are looking to add a couple groups Somalia, Latin x, Karen,


American Indian, LGBTQ2 and individuals with physical and mental health issues. Wilder research is out of St. Paul and they do evaluation work across the nation. They facilitate the homeless survey every year. They would bring interpreters in and help our workers. Gift cards would be available for those who attend. Information will be used in community health assessment that we have to do every 5 years. R. Anderson suggested we add a group for seniors within the community. C. Sik requested a group for veterans. 3. Training on poverty. Bridges out of poverty. It would provide training for 100 people to understand poverty. Simulation and certification for five individuals to do the training. Those five individuals would then offer the training in the community. Total grant was for \$56,038. No official contract has arrived at this time. R. Anderson suggested we add a group for seniors within the community. C. Sik requested a group for veterans. Motion by C. Sanow second by D. Welgraven to accept the Health Equity Grant. The Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Approved Date 1/18/2023

Authorized 
Chairperson, Community Health Board


Recording Secretary, Community Services Board


Attest: _____
Director