



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date: April 19, 2023  
Place: Lyon County Government Center  
Commissioners Room  
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 10:46 a.m.  
Adjourned: 10:58 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wakefield.

Members present:

- Todd Draper
- Lois Schmidt
- Dennis Welgraven
- Rick Wakefield
- Doug Nagel
- Jim Salfer
- Dan Wildermuth
- Rick Anderson
- Steve Hauswedell
- Mic Vandever
- Les Nath
- Jeane Anderson
- Jackie Meier
- Greg Burger
- Maydra Maas

Members absent:

- Sherri Thompson
- Joan Jagt

Staff present:

Carol Biren	Beth Wilms	Nancy Walker
Nicole Slegers	Cindy Nelson	Lisa DeBoer
Ann Orren	Chris Cauwels	

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH (cont.)**

**J. Call to Order**

**K. Consent Agenda-**

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Wakefield stated that we have an addition to the agenda. We are adding an Opioid Settlement Update. 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 March 15, 2023 meeting. Motion by D. Wildermuth second by R. Anderson to approve the agenda as presented the March 15, 2023 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. Opioid Settlement Update – Ann Orren**

Ann Orren stated that a lot of time has been spent on logistics of this since it was for 18 years. This was done for the spirit of the money being used in the community. A. Orren stated that they wanted to make sure it was a true voice of the community. Realize it is resources and assessments within our communities. We really want to make sure we have a full picture of what we have in our counties and what we need in each county. The first two meetings were held in Marshall and Slayton. The group discussions were helpful. Talked about the strategies in prevention, harm reduction, criminal Justice, treatment/recover, and other. Other would be training and education. Now they are looking at putting together guidelines or bylaws for the upcoming meetings. They want to make sure they are being transparent and equitable with where the funding is going and benefits of those funds. Each county has gotten at least two payments from distributors and five payments from Jansen and Jansen. There should be additional settlements moving forward.

**2. Southwest MN Healthy Community Survey – Carol Biren**

The Southwest MN Healthy Community Survey was started back in December. Two thousand surveys/county in all sixteen counties were sent out. C. Biren stated that she had asked for \$60,000 from the board earlier in the year but there is an infrastructure grant that will now help with funding of this survey. Twenty percent is being paid for by covid funds and rest will be paid for by the infrastructure grant. Advertising will be going out this week. Please share if you see on facebook so that people will fill out the surveys. Really excited about the data we will get from these surveys. The two thousand mailings in each county were done on a random mailing list.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH (cont.)**

**O. Decision Items**

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Approved Date 5/17/2023

Authorized Bret Wakefield  
Chairperson, Community Health Board

Nicole Siegers  
Recording Secretary, Community Services Board

Attest: Beckmire  
Director