



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date: May 17, 2023

Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:50 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:13 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, May 17, 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
Sherri Thompson

Members absent:

Jim Salfer
Joan Jagt

Staff present:

Carol Biren
Nicole Slegers
Ann Orren

Beth Wilms
Lisa DeBoer

Nancy Walker
Ashley VanOverbeke

J. **Call to Order**

K. **Consent Agenda-**

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there were any additions to the agenda. R. Wakefield stated that Opioid Funding Settlement is being added as a discussion item. 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 April 19, 2023 meeting. Motion by R. Anderson second by M. Vandevere to approve the agenda as presented the April 19, 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 Funding – Ann Orren**

Ann Orren stated that she has had two separate meetings now for the opioid settlement. We currently have \$476,000 in funds. A. Orren would like to begin working with the committee on designating the first round of funding. A. Orren would recommend a smaller amount just to work the kinks out. R. Anderson asked if we have the committee together to review the applications that have been turned in. A. Orren stated that she would like to see each county have a county commissioner, county administrator, or county auditor and then also a community member from each county on the committee to decide how to designate those funds. This would be the funding committee. There have been some applications from people who would like to sit on the funding committee. A. Orren would like to see those members finalized very soon. They would like to see everyone who has interest on being on the committee apply for this committee. G. Burger stated that he would like to see as much funding go out as possible. R. Anderson stated \$150,000 to \$200,000 sounds like a fair number to be released in the first round. M. Vandevere stated that Lincoln County wanted to handle it on their own in their own county. They didn't want to have to apply for the funding when they already have the funding. L. Schmidt stated that there should be something in place then when it involves all six counties on how Lincoln County will be billed or paying for their share. M. Vandevere stated that all we have to do is ask for it. R. Anderson stated that we leave it as it is. G. Burger stated that this group should not be responsible for the reporting for Lincoln County or for the liability of it for Lincoln County. Christina Richmond is going to implement the funding for Lincoln County. A. Orren stated that she wants to make sure that Christina is aware that she is responsible for Lincoln County and knows what that all entails. M. Vandevere stated that he would have another conversation with Christina to make sure she is aware of all aspects. Motion by R. Anderson second by T. Draper to release \$175,000 in opioid settlement funding to go out in the first round of funding. Motion carried unanimously.

O. **Decision Items**

Chairperson Wakefield asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Approved Date 6/21/2023

Authorized Bill Wakefield
Chairperson, Community Health Board

Nicole Siegers
Recording Secretary, Community Services Board

Attest: Beckmire
Director