

**SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

MINUTES

Date:	August 21, 2013	Opened:	9:35 am
Place:	Murray County Health and Human Services Building Conference Room Slayton, Minnesota	Adjourned:	10:15 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board of Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in the conference room of the Murray County Health and Human Services building at 3001 Maple Road in Slayton, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blumeyer.

Members present:

- Marvin Tinklenberg**
- William Johnson**
- Bob Moline**
- Gerald Magnus**
- Rick Anderson**
- Lois Schmidt**
- Pam VanOverbeke**
- Stephen Ritter**
- Bob Jarchow**
- Ron Boyenga**
- Al Kokesch**
- Priscilla Klabunde**
- Carol Ann Flahaven**
- Curt Blumeyer**
- Joan Jagt**

Member(s) absent:

- Butch Miller**
- Richard Bakken**

Guest: **Bonnie Christiansen, U of M Extension, NEA**

Staff present:

Chris Sorensen	Dale Hiland
Sherry Marks	Jenifer Klein
Ardis Henriksen	Karla Drown
Kathryn Herding	Stacey Longtin
Cindy Nelson	Anita Van Veldhuizen
Stacy Jorgensen	Marie Meyers
Kristin Deacon	Krista Kopperud
Carol Biren	Michelle Buysse
Nancy Walker	

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any additions or deletions from the agenda for the meeting. It was pointed out that there was an addition for this meeting included on the handout at each place, an

update on the Nurse Family Partnership. He asked if any member of the Board wished to identify a conflict of interest. None were identified. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting. It was requested that the name of Gerald Magnus be added to those in attendance and that the name Pam VanOverbeke be added to those absent. Motion by Magnus and second by Kokesch: To approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections to the minutes of the July 17, 2013 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Blumeyer stated that the Financial Report had been heard during the Human Services Board and moved forward to the Governing Board for final approval.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any comments or questions in relation to the caseload numbers as presented on the agenda. In response to a question regarding the fluctuation in the numbers reported for Managed Care, it was stated that the number goes up and down in relationship to the schedule of assessments and reassessments.

Director Sorensen stated that while working on the Health Services budget time was spent on looking at changes in services and staff capacity. The county tax levy request has been at \$6.00 per capita for many years. Health Services also does well with grant funding. The level of funding from the state has also been good in the recent past. When Redwood County became part of the agency there were a couple of their programs that were discontinued which helped bring their county tax levy from \$36.00 per capita to \$22.00. The hope is that by the end of the year that the per capita amount can be reduced to \$15 - \$18 because of the move into one building. Motion by Moline and second by Ritter: To set the county tax levy at the same level, \$776,722, with the possibility of an adjustment by year-end. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Blumeyer invited Kristin Deacon - Nursing Supervisor, and Bonnie Christianson – Murray County Community Nutrition Educator with U of M Extension Services, to come forward to give their success story. Kristin stated that they had gone to the county commission to get permission for WIC to use the land behind the Health and Human Services Building for a raised bed garden. The Murray County WIC staff worked with Bonnie in planning and planting the garden. Now as the garden is producing vegetables, WIC family members get to go out to the garden to pick ripe produce. Bonnie provides the WIC families with recipes and ways to use the vegetables at home. During the month of June the WIC children were able to plant a cherry tomato in a pot to take home and grow there. Kristin said that this has been a very successful program.

Carol Biren, Health Services Division Director, reported that staff is in the process of finishing the grant application for SHIP III. The grant application is requesting a funding level of \$463,000. The activities for the new grant will be around the idea of how can we get our kids moving more and eating better. There will also be work done to pass tobacco free ground policies in those counties who have not yet done so. Carol commented that a Community Leadership Team (CLT) is being developed and asked for volunteers, either members of the Board or another commissioner for each county.

Director Sorensen and Carol Biren, Health Services Division Director, and Krista Kopperud, Health and Human Services Planner, had attended the Local Public Health Association (LPHA) meeting in St. Paul because one of the items on the agenda was a discussion with MDH staff, including the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners, about the concerns that are beginning to surface statewide around the issues with the FP&L delegation agreements. Marie Meyers, Nursing Supervisor, had let them know about concerns that other counties had regarding the FP&L issues at the regional LPHA meeting. At this

meeting MDH stated that it is not their aim to take over all delegation agreements. Director Sorensen asked the Board for direction on how they would like staff to proceed. The Board stated that they would like to see the staff move forward and again ask the state to add Lyon and Redwood Counties to our delegation agreement. Kokesch reported that two (2) inspectors from MDH came out to Farm Fest and he had heard reports that the vendors were very unhappy with the quality of the inspections.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked Kristin Deacon, Nursing Supervisor, to give an update on the Nurse Family Partnership. Kristin stated that pregnant women are enrolled before they reach their 28th week and the focus is on first time mothers. She reviewed the program data for each of the agency counties and highlighted the program goals. Nationwide there are almost 26,000 families involved in the program.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there was anything more to come before the Human Services Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Approved _____ Date

Authorized _____
Chairperson, Community Health Board

Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

Attest: _____
Director