

**SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
GOVERNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

Date: February 1, 2013
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners' Rooms 1 & 2
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 12:00 Noon
Adjourned: 12:38 pm

The special meeting of the Governing Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Friday, February 1, 2013 in Commissioners' Rooms 1 & 2 of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ritter. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Bob Jarchow
Butch Miller
Curt Blumeyer
Stephen Ritter
Bob Moline
Priscilla Klabunde
Rick Anderson
James Jens
Al Kokesch
William Johnson

Guest: Loren Stomberg

Staff: Chris Sorensen
Cindy Nelson
Nancy Walker
Carol Biren
Ardis Henriksen

Chairperson Ritter asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Chairperson Ritter asked Loren Stomberg, Lyon County Administrator, to give an explanation of the discussions that have been held regarding the issue of insurance and ways to curb the large rate increase. Loren stated that at the fall AMC District meeting there had been a discussion about working together to purchase insurance. There have been three counties (Lyon, Murray and Redwood) and SWHHS that have come together since that time for a couple of meetings. During those meetings there has been discussion about the feasibility of forming a new group or becoming a self-insured group. The group that has been meeting is requesting passage of a resolution giving them the authority to engage with an entity to assist with the development of a possible new health cooperative and health plan. The decision by the three (3) counties and SWHHS is needed by Friday, February 8, 2013.

Miller asked why only three of the member counties have been involved in this process. Loren stated that an invitation had been given to the remaining counties at the AMC meeting, but for various reasons those counties were not interested in joining the process. The current group, however, wishes to be open to neighboring counties to become part of the group.

There was general discussion about what entities are being considered as possible vendors to work with. The group is currently looking exclusively at medical coverage.

Member Priscilla Klabunde introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution Approving Engagement of an Entity for Benefits

WHEREAS, Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board have the authority to set benefits for Southwest Health and Human Services:

WHEREAS, the Southwest Health and Human Services Executive Committee includes representatives from each county, excluding the chairman's county, but receives advisement from the chairman of the Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board. This committee also serves as a personnel committee:

WHEREAS, Southwest Health and Human Services desires to interview and select an entity to assist with the development of a possible new health cooperative and health plan(s).

WHEREAS, due to the fact that board meetings are held only monthly and this project may have rigid timeframes the Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board allows the Southwest Health and Human Services Executive Committee to make executive decisions regarding this process.

WHEREAS, other benefits may also be included as the Southwest Health and Human Executive Committee sees fit:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves that the Southwest Health and Human Services Executive Committee may interview and select an entity to assist with the development of a possible new health cooperative and health plan. In addition, other benefits may also be included as the Southwest Health and Human Services Executive Committee sees fit.
2. The Southwest Health and Human Services Executive Committee will provide updates each month to the Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Curt Blumeyer and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of the motion: Bob Jarchow; Butch Miller; Curt Blumeyer; Stephen Ritter; Bob Moline; Priscilla Klabunde; Rick Anderson; James Jens; Al Kokesch; and William Johnson

and the following voted against the motion: None

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

By _____ Date _____
Southwest Health and Human Services Joint Governing Board Chairman