

SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date:	October 16, 2013	Opened:	9:36 am
Place:	Health and Human Services Building, Community Room Luverne, Minnesota	Adjourned:	10:05 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board of Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 in the Community Room of the Rock County Health and Human Services building at 2 Roundwind Road in Luverne, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blumeyer.

Members present:	Jeane Anderson Lois Schmidt Marvin Tinklenberg Butch Miller Bob Moline Gerald Magnus Curt Blumeyer Joan Jagt Stephen Ritter Rodney Stensrud Bob Jarchow Ron Boyenga Richard Bakken Al Kokesch Priscilla Klabunde Carol Ann Flahaven William Johnson
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Member(s) absent	Pam Van Overbeke
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Staff present:	Chris Sorensen Nancy Walker Kristin Deacon Krista Kopperud Ann Schiller Karla Drown Nancy Lange Cathy Michaels	Ardis Henriksen Marie Meyers Carol Biren Kathy Herding Sherry Marks Michelle Buysse Stacy Jorgensen
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Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any additions or deletions from the agenda. There were none. He asked if any Board member wished to identify a conflict of interest. None were identified. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the September 18, 2013 meeting. Motion by Moline and second by Ritter: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was moved forward by the Human Services Board.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any questions or comments about the caseload. Director Sorensen stated that a new Health Services Program Aide has been hired so the numbers for Dental Varnishing should start to go up again.

Director Sorensen asked Kristin Deacon, Nursing Supervisor, to come forward to give an update on the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership (SHNFP). Kristin reported that at the SHNFP Governing Board meeting held the past

Monday there had been work done on the budget, making some changes. A steering committee for staffing made the recommendation that another nurse be hired. The counties in our service area will be asked to pay an additional \$30,000, which is based on population numbers. The SHNFP is losing grant money that was earmarked for training. She reported the client numbers for our six (6) counties, pointing out that the numbers fluctuate because of clients moving or babies graduating out of the program. The first class (or group) that graduated from SHNFP are now in kindergarten. The Board members stated that it had helped that Kristin had sent information to the NFP Board members from our participating counties.

Director Sorensen asked Kristin Deacon, Nursing Supervisor, to stay at the table to address WIC. Kristin reported that there have been a couple of conference calls with MDH regarding how the WIC program will be covered should the federal shutdown continue for a length of time. The main consensus that was met during the conference calls was that everyone wants to have a statewide solution so that all programs are run the same in an effort to avoid clients going to other counties to try to get vouchers if they hear a neighboring county is covering the cost out of county dollars. WIC is a federally funded but state run program. Right now WIC is business as usual and the state is carefully monitoring the redemption rates. The state WIC conference is scheduled for the last week of October and the state staff will make a decision on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> as to whether or not to cancel the conference. If there are any changes that need to be made within the WIC program the state will communicate with programs, vendors and participants through mass media outlets. The state is also in discussion about how to handle any formula needs, including medical formula.

Director Sorensen invited Marie Meyers, Nursing Supervisor, forward to report on the jail nursing program. Marie stated that she had talked to the sheriffs in Lyon and Redwood Counties and staff about how we are spending our nurse time, in an effort to learn what is most advantageous for both the jails and public health. She gave a brief description of the services offered in both jails. The nurses are now seeing more drug seeking conditions, such as mental illness or chronic conditions. Staff would like to gear our jail nursing model to one similar to the one used in Kandiyohi County. That model would have the jails use mid-level providers, such as a Physician's Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner, for clinic services and public health for the completion of the health assessment.

Director Sorensen invited Carol Biren, Health Services Division Director, forward to give an update on the FP&L invoice. Carol stated that about a year ago the agency had completed an evaluation of the FP&L program and had entered into a conditional agreement with MDH in March 2013. During that time Carol and Jason Kloss, Environmental Health Manager, have held monthly conference calls with the FP&L division at MDH. The MDH staff have gone over the review reports with a fine-toothed comb and continued to ask for more information. The agency has now received an invoice from MDH for \$19,000. MDH is charging SWHHS and the City of St Paul for the complete cost of preparation for a statewide workshop that was held earlier this year. Julie Ring, Executive Director, and Britta Orr, Director of LPHA have both committed to pressing this situation strongly. Director Sorensen said that he thinks the time has come to go to our legislative leaders for some backup and assistance. The Board decided that we should wait and see what happens through the efforts of Ms. Ring and Ms. Orr.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there was anything further to be brought before the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Authorized \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Community Health Board

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Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director