

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

**MINUTES**

Date:	September 18, 2013	Open:	9:20 am
Place:	Health Services Conference Room - Second Floor Marshall, Minnesota	Adjourned:	10:00 am

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Board of Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 in the Health Services Conference Room of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blumeyer.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

- Jeane Anderson
- Priscilla Klabunde
- Bob Jarchow
- Richard Bakken

Guests:

- Pete King – MDH
- Patricia Faulkner – MDH
- Anne Kollmeyer – MDH

Staff:

Nancy Walker	Chris Sorensen
Brenda Rothmeier	Christina Blomme
Cindy Nelson	Michelle Buysse
Stacy Jorgensen	Nicole Prellwitz
Stacey Longtin	Dale Hiland
Jenifer Klein	Kristin Deacon
Carol Biren	Jennifer Lundberg
Karla Drown	Holly Louwagie
Sherry Marks	Ardis Henriksen

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any additions to or deletions from the agenda for the meeting. Director Sorensen asked that “M-2 Discussion on Nurse Family Partnership” be added to the meeting agenda. 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 of the August 21, 2013 meeting. Motion by Moline and second by Ritter: To approve the Consent Agenda with the addition to the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Blumeyer stated that the Financial Report had been moved forward by the Human Services Board.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there were any questions or comments about the caseload numbers. There were none.

There were no decision items to address.

Chairperson Blumeyer invited Pete King and Ann Kollmeyer, with the state WIC program, to come forward to report on that program. They introduced themselves, with Pete stating that he is the state consultant to the agency and Ann stating that she is the nutrition consultant. They then introduced Christina Blomme, Public Health Nurse, as the agency's WIC Coordinator, and Pat Faulkner, as the state Nutrition Unit Supervisor. They reported that they had visited the WIC Clinics in Pipestone and Murray Counties on the previous day and would be at the Lyon County site the next two (2) days. The WIC program has evolved over the last 20 – 30 years, having been started in 1974. Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern both played a big part in getting the program approved. Pete and Ann explained the guidelines that WIC uses for eligibility. The staff hired to work at the WIC clinics are called Certified Professional Authorities (CPA). The WIC program advocates that babies be breastfed for at least the first six (6) months but the optimum is a year. The local WIC program is funded by the state at a rate of \$13.50 per participant and this year the agency received a total of \$371,629. They explained that when they talk about the participation levels they are talking about the number of people served and when they talk about outlay they are referring to the dollars given for food, in the form of food vouchers. Ann stated that along with the main WIC program SWHHS also has a Peer Breastfeeding Grant, which is used to give mothers support through the services of Peer Breastfeeding Counselors. The caseload numbers for the WIC program are affected by birthrate numbers. They affirmed that it is a high priority at the state level to maintain the \$13.50 per participant reimbursement rate.

Chairperson Blumeyer invited Kristin Deacon, Nursing Supervisor, to give an update on the Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership. Kristin talked about the numbers of clients that are seen in each county. Miller asked if the agency has a representative on the NFP Board or if it is responsibility of the counties. It was explained that because of the way the NFP Joint Powers Agreement is set up each county is a member of the Board and SWHHS does not have a seat on the Board. However, Kristin attends the meetings of the Screening Committee, as well as the meetings of the Governing Board.

Chairperson Blumeyer asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. Hearing nothing more, he adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

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

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

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Recording Secretary, Community Health Board

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