



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

MINUTES

Date: November 18, 2015
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners' Rooms 1 & 2
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 am
Adjourned: 9:20 am

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Commissioners' Rooms 1 & 2 of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street, Suite 200 in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Magnus. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present:

Jeane Anderson
Rick Anderson
Ron Boyenga
Carol Ann Flahaven
Joan Jagt
Priscilla Klabunde
Gerald Magnus
Bob Moline
Les Nath
Stephen Ritter
Jim Salfer
Lois Schmidt
Rodney Stensrud
Sherri Thompson
Mic VanDaVere
Pam VanOverbeke
Dan Wildermuth

Staff present:

Gail Bielen
Stephanie Bruflat
Cindy DeRycke
Megan Gullickson
Ardis Henriksen
Amanda Holzapfel
Jenifer Klein
Stacey Longtin
Sherry Marks
Cindy Nelson
Jessica Schmit
Ann Schiller
Christine Versaevel

Carol Biren
Kristin Deacon
Melanie Guetter
Karri Harvey
Dale Hiland
Sarah Kirchner
Krista Kopperud
Jennifer Lundberg
Sarah Maurice
Dawn Popowski
Lori Schoer
Kasey VanderPlaats
Nancy Walker

C. **Consent Agenda –**

1. Chairperson Magnus asked if there were any deletions or additions to the meeting agenda. There were none.
 2. Chairperson Magnus asked if any member of the Board had a conflict of interest to report. None were identified.
 3. Chairperson Magnus asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting.
- Motion by Moline and second by Jagt: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. **Financial –**

Chairperson Magnus asked Nancy Walker, Deputy Director, to come forward to present the financial report. Nancy reviewed the Summary of Financial Accounts Report. Deputy Director Walker pointed out the standing of the Agency Health Insurance fund, showing that at month end the fund was at a negative of approximately \$178, as of 11/17/15 it was at approximately \$225 and she expects it is going to be going further to the negative for the remainder of the year, as people reach their deductibles. The policy approved at the October 2015 developed the method to bring the fund to a zero balance. This request will be brought forward at the December meeting. The Health Services Fund is 2% below budget in revenues and 5% over budget in expenses and the Human Services Fund is 12% below budget in revenues and 4% over budget in expenses. Motion by Nath and second by Boyenga: To move the financial report forward to the Governing Board for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **Caseload –**

Chairperson Magnus asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the caseload reports. Cindy Nelson, Social Services Division Director, stated that there is some fluctuation in the numbers but the caseload numbers remain high

F. **Decision Items –**

No items on the agenda.

G. **Discussion/Information –**

1. Chairperson Magnus invited Lori Schoer and Jennifer Lundberg, both Adult Services Social Workers, to come forward to give the annual report for the Local Advisory Council (LAC) on Mental Health. Lori stated that she and Jennifer have co-chaired the LAC for the last year and a half and in that time have seen a number of changes with the group. When they started the LAC was consumer driven but the attendance was not good. They reported that they had gone to a Nobles-Rock LAC meeting in order to observe how they worked. That group was provider driven and seemed to be functioning well. They have since changed our LAC from consumer driven to provider driven. During the July 2016 meeting they had stuffed envelopes to invite new providers, from which five (5) new members were found. At each meeting, there is a presentation by one of the providers. The LAC is a requirement with the purpose of trying to reduce the stigma related to mental health issues. Moline commented that he had recently attended the Adult Mental Health Consortium meeting in Redwood Falls and found it to be an excellent learning experience for Board members. Wildermuth stated that he was in agreement with Moline.
2. Chairperson Magnus invited Gail Bielen, Foster Care Licensor in Redwood County, forward to share her success story. Gail stated that she has done this job for sixteen (16) years, working with families to be licensed as foster care providers. She told of an incident where one foster

family experienced having the biological parents present at the home of the foster family demanding to get their children. The foster father informed the foster mother who was there and the purpose there were there. The biological father had stated that he had a weapon. Gail detailed how the foster mother took the children into the bedroom, keeping them calm and unaware of what was happening, as well as calling 911. In the meantime, the foster father worked with the biological father to defuse the situation and the biological parents left without incident. The foster parents had shown great instincts in dealing with a situation which could have become tragic,

Chairperson Magnus asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing he adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

Approved _____ Date

Authorized _____
Chairperson, Human Services Board

Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest: _____
Director