



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

MINUTES

Date: July 20, 2016
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Public Health Conference Rooms 1 & 2
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00 am
Adjourned: 9:34 am

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in Public Health Conference 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
Joan Jagt
Gerald Magnus
Bob Moline
Les Nath
Jim Salfer
Charles Sanow
Lois Schmidt
Steve Schulze
Sherri Thompson
Mic VanDeVere
Pam VanOverbeke
Dan Wildermuth

Members absent: Carol Ann Flahaven
Priscilla Klabunde

Guest: Cris Gilb
Steve Fisher
Phuong Thuy Pham

Staff present: David Alex
Heather Bruse
Lauren Geurts (intern)
Ardis Henriksen
Stacy Jorgensen
Krista Kopperud
Nicole Longtin
Marie Meyers
Ann Orren
Chris Sorensen
Nancy Walker
Carol Biren
Kristin Deacon
Karri Harvey
Kathy Herding
Sarah Kirchner
James Kponyoh
Holly Louwagie
Cindy Nelson
Arnold Siyapche
Corrie Vollmer

C. **Consent Agenda –**

Chairperson Magnus asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. Director Sorensen asked that there be time to introduce new staff. Chairperson Magnus stated this would be added right after the Consent Agenda. Chairperson Magnus asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting. Motion by Moline and second by Nath: To approve the consent agenda with the addition to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Staff –

Chairperson Magnus invited the new staff members to come forward to introduce themselves and tell a little of their background. Introductions were made by James Kponyoh, Information Technology Specialist, Sr.; Lauren Geurts, Public Health Intern; and David Alex, Information Technology Specialist. The members of the Board introduced themselves to the new staff and welcomed them to the agency.

D. **Financial –**

Chairperson Magnus asked that the financial report be given. Sarah Kirchner, Fiscal Manager, reviewed the account balances and stated that the balance in the insurance fund (at the end of June 2016) was \$270,693.34. The balance in the Insurance fund at the beginning of the day of the meeting was approximately \$248,000. Sarah stated that Health Services is 4% below budget for revenue and 3% below budget for expenditures. Human Services is 4% below budget for revenues and 2% over budget for expenditures. Motion by Nath and second by Jagt: To move the financial report forward to the Governing Board for final review and approval. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **Caseload –**

Chairperson Magnus asked if there were any comments about the caseload. Director Sorensen stated that we continue to see a fairly high trend in out-of-home placements for children but that there are a number of children, who are in an out-of-home placement, that are moving toward adoption so that may reflect a change in the future. On the adult services side of programming, there was a law passed regarding competency restoration which goes into play when a client who has been placed into one of the regional treatment centers and no longer meets the required criteria for that placement but there is no other place to move them to, the county is responsible as the payer of last resort, meaning the county must paid for 100% of their care. Stacy Jorgensen, Adult Services Supervisor, stated that the agency has no right to appeal the decision at a county level.

F. **Decision Items –**

None on the agenda.

G. **Discussion/Information –**

1. Chairperson Magnus invited Heather Bruse, Social Worker, to come forward to present her success story. Heather stated that she would be joined by Nicole Longtin, Social Worker, and one of their clients, who had asked to share his story. He talked about how his addiction had led to Heather and Nicole working with him, his eventual commitment to a treatment program and his ongoing recovery. He talked about realizing, after hearing the comments about cost of treatment, the cost to help people like him, who are suffering from addiction. He has continued to work, as a volunteer, with people who are going through the same experience he had gone

through. He thanked the Board for having staff who were able to help him in his recovery. The Board thanked him for his willingness to share his story.

Chairperson Magnus asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.

Approved _____ Date

Authorized _____
Chairperson, Human Services Board

Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest: _____
Director