



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Date: April 19th, 2017
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioner Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:01am
Adjourned: 10:02am

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 in the Commissioners room of the Lyon County Government Center at 607 West Main Street, Suite 200 in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nath. The Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Members present:

- Rick Anderson
- Ron Boyenga
- Greg Burger
- Carol Ann Flahaven
- Dave Forkrud
- James Jens
- Gerald Magnus
- Les Nath
- Jim Salfer
- Charles Sanow
- Lois Schmidt
- Steve Schulze
- Corey Sik
- Mic VanDeVere
- Pam VanOverbeke
- Dan Wildermuth

Members absent: Jeane Anderson

Guest Presents: Joel Flaten

Staff present:

- Jennifer Beek
- Laura Bruns
- Kristin Deacon
- Katie Hatch
- Carol Biren
- Monica Christianson
- Darin Donner
- Dale Hiland

Amanda Holzapfel	Stacy Jorgensen
Sarah Kirchner	Jenifer Klein
Erin Klumper	Krista Kopperud
Stacey Longtin	Amy Lubben
Jennifer Lundberg	Blake Nath
Cindy Nelson	Tanlee Noomen
Kim Patzlaff	Justine Sandbulte
Katie Schulte	Michael Thompson
Nancy Walker	

C. Consent Agenda-

Chairperson Nath asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Cindy Nelson, Social Services Division Director, indicated there were none. Nath asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. He asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes of the March 15th, 2017 meeting. There were none. Motion made by Sanow, second by VanDeVere: to approve the complete consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Financial-

Chairperson Nath asked for Sarah Kirchner, Fiscal Manager, to come forward with the financials. The month of February started out with a beginning balance of \$2,727,066 and ended at \$930,843. Our average balance for the last 2 years is \$1,688,724. The self-insurance fund is at \$369,063.91 as of March 31st, 2017. As of today the fund balance is \$364,000.00. Ending February 2017, Public Health was 9% under budget for revenues and on budget for expenditures. Human Services was 8% under budget for revenues and 2% over budget for expenditures. Motion made by Magnus second by Sanow: To move the financials to the Governing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Caseload-

Chairperson Nath asked if there were any comments or concerns about the caseload. Cindy Nelson, Social Services Division Director, stated she did not have anything to highlight.

F. Discussion/Information

1. Jennifer Lundberg, Adult Mental Health Social Worker, came forward to share her success story. Jennifer met this young woman in March of 2016 and was in need of help to stabilize her mental health condition. The client tried a few months of outpatient treatment but it wasn't enough. She was put into inpatient treatment but before she was ready to be released the court ordered her discharge. At that time she was put into intensive residential treatment center but the court got involved again and she was released. The hospital and the county attorney got involved and at the final court hearing it was decided to reenter her into the intensive residential treatment center. Finally she got the help she needed and Jennifer along with her family seen a whole new person emerging. She was able to function as a normal teenager and her mom said "she is acting like herself again". She is still active in her treatment

plan but is no longer under commitment and is not using as many services either. She is currently living independently and no longer a threat to herself.

2. 2. Stacy Jorgensen, Social Services Supervisor, handed out a brochure for AMH Case Management Services and a powerpoint to the board she pointed out the mission statement "The commissioner shall create and ensure a unified, accountable, comprehensive adult mental health service system that:

- (1) recognizes the right of adults with mental illness to control their own lives as fully as possible;
- (2) promotes the independence and safety of adults with mental illness;
- (3) reduces chronicity of mental illness;
- (4) eliminates abuse of adults with mental illness;
- (5) provides services designed to:
 - (i) increase the level of functioning of adults with mental illness or restore them to a previously held higher level of functioning;
 - (ii) stabilize adults with mental illness;
 - (iii) prevent the development and deepening of mental illness;
 - (iv) support and assist adults in resolving mental health problems that impede their functioning;
 - (v) promote higher and more satisfying levels of emotional functioning; and
 - (vi) promote sound mental health; and
- (6) provides a quality of service that is effective, efficient, appropriate, and consistent with contemporary professional standards in the field of mental health."


Southwest Health and Human Services assists where we can but ultimately it is the clients choice what services if any they want to use and we have to respect their rights. Stacy explained the Rule 79 case management plan and how it changed our role in the mental health community. We no longer are their direct care provider or crisis team, our role is to contact the client help them find the services they need in the area. Stacy informed the board of our process of referrals and how intake the intake systems works. We try to make a connection with the individual as soon as possible through letter and phone contact to try to reach them. Several gaps in the adult mental health system prevent the clients from fast recovery such as: Services that support and strengthen individuals in recovery, competitive employment after treatment and services set up for physical care. Stacy also explained to the board the financials of adult mental health and how our staff tries to get the client the best most efficient help to try and get the clients discharged in a timely manner.


3. Cindy Nelson spoke to the board about 3 temporary workers including 2 in Child Protection and 1 in Adult Services. She explained that we are just not able to absorb the extra work while other workers are out on FMLA. The new positions would not receive benefits. Nancy Walker, Deputy Director, stated that the adult services staff would be needed from June 1st to approximately the middle of August and the Child Protection Staff would be needed from May 8th to the end of October. Cindy Nelson explained that the staff are already to the max of their caseload. If we don't add these new position it could cause burning out our current staff resulting in people leaving and also the costly overtime.

G. Decision Items
None

Chairperson Nath asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:02am.

Approved Date 5/17/17

Authorized 
Chairperson, Human Services Board


Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest: _____
Director