



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

Date: February 21st, 2018  
Place: Lyon County Government Center  
Commissioner Room  
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:00am  
Adjourned: 9:52am

The monthly meeting of the Human Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 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:

- Jeane Anderson
- Rick Anderson
- Greg Burger
- Carol Ann Flahaven
- Dave Forkrud
- James Jens
- Charles Sanow
- Corey Sik
- Lois Schmidt
- Steve Schulze
- Dan Wildermuth

Members absent:

- Ron Boyenga
- Gerald Magnus
- Les Nath
- Jim Salfer
- Sherri Thompson
- Mic VanDeVere
- Pam VanOverbeke

Staff present:

Karla Arends	Carol Biren
Michelle Buysse	Zach Gritmacker
Karri Harvey	Sarah Kirchner

C. Consent Agenda-

Chairperson Nath asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none. Nath asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. Motion made by Sanow, second by Wildermuth: to approve the complete consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. He asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. There were none. Motion made by Jens, second by Wildermuth: To approve the minutes presented for the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Introduce New Staff:

None

E. Employee Recognition:

None

F. Financial-

Chairperson Nath asked that the financial report be given. Sarah Kirchner, Fiscal Manager, the month of January started out with a beginning balance in checking of \$1,797,574 and ended at \$1,831,123. The checking account activity includes a transfer of \$1,000,000 from savings to checking which was done on 1/18. We ended January with an overall cash balance of \$4,721,045 including the funds in savings. When excluding the designated funds the ending available balance for the month was \$3,990,028. The self-insurance fund was at \$547,461.08 as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. As of today that fund balance is \$ 795,226.78, but keep in mind tomorrow will bring out \$77,000. Ending January 2018, Public Health was 7% over budget for revenues, which includes the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter levy funding received by all 6 counties in January, and 1% over budget for expenditures. Year to date revenues are \$588,491.59 and expenses are \$335,821.94 with a net of \$252,669.65. Human Services was 4% under budget for revenues and on budget for expenditures. Year-end revenues are \$986,454.55 and expenses are \$2,009,978.54 with a net of (\$1,023,523.99). Motion made by Wildermuth second by Anderson: To move the financial report to the Governing Board for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Caseload-

Chairperson Nath asked if there were any comments or concerns about the caseload. None were stated.

H. Discussion/Information

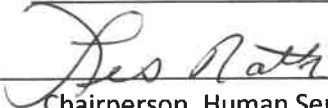
1. Karla Arends, Social Worker, and Christine Versaevel, Social Services Supervisor, came forward to talk to the Board about our Children's Mental Health services. Arends stated she has been with the agency for 20 years and 13 of those years have been in Children's Mental Health

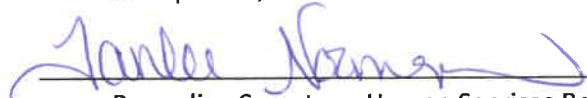
and that is her passion. Southwest Health & Human Services has 7 social workers in Children's Mental Health. We have 15 children in our case loads. We help children that have been diagnosed with Bi-Polar, Autism, Eating Disorders, Schizophrenia, and more. We get referrals from schools, families, and friends of families. Children's Mental Health is a voluntary services. Sometimes children whose parents have mental health concerns can inherit those disorders. Mental Health stressors could include school, loss of a loved one, divorces. We work with schools, therapist, and sometimes probation. Together we come up with the best services that that child could benefit from. We work on cases sometimes for several years, sometimes the case closes and reopens again. Some of our other working partners include: Western Mental Health, Parent Mentors, Southwestern Mental Health, SWHHS Circle Program, SWHHS MnChoices Social Workers, and schools. We work with families with age range of birth to 21. Karla discussed some financial struggles families can have. Some families have insurance that makes it easier but some of those families have high deductibles. There is MNSure and MA for children. TEFRA for families that have higher incomes but their child is high need. Currently there seems to be a wave of Autism cases. That causes challenges in our area, because we have no Autism treatment facilities. We also don't have enough psychiatrist in our area to treat children. Western Mental Health does have Telemedicine which allows children to see their therapist through a television. We also are short on placement options in our area. Placement is a last alternative and we have a facility in Austin, MN; Sioux Falls, SD; and one in Minneapolis. Children are being placed very far from their homes and their parents need to be able to come and participate in their children's activities. When Children's Mental Health division places a child the parents still have custody. There is also partial hospitalization facilities where children attend five days a week. There is one of those in Chaska, MN, and in Willmar, MN. Versaevel presented the Board our brochure and informed them that this was shared with families when we first meet them.

- I. Decision Items  
None

Chairperson Nath asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 9:52am.

Approved Date 3-21-18

Authorized   
Chairperson, Human Services Board

  
Recording Secretary, Human Services Board

Attest:   
Director