



**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2017**

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 24th day of October, 2017 at 9:03 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Anne Marcotte, Don Niemi, and Bill Pratt. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Cynthia Bennett, Accounting Technician Carli Goble, Financial Services Supervisor Jessi Goble, Child Support Supervisor Ruth Sundermeyer, Social Services Supervisor-Children's Services Jessi Schultz, Social Services Supervisor-Adult Services Kim Larson, Social Services Intern Jennifer Henke, Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant Shawn Speed, and Guests: Bob Marcum/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Roberta Elvecrog/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Penny Olson/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Brielle Bredsten/Aitkin Independent Age, and Bob Harwarth/Citizen.

Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the October 24, 2017 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the September 26, 2017 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

Bills

Carli Goble, Accounting Technician, presented the bills to the board.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

Health & Human Services Director Reports

Legislative Updates – Cynthia Bennett, H&HS Director reported that she attended the AMC District 1 meeting last week with Jessica Siebert, Commissioner Pratt, and Commissioner Niemi and at the meeting the members listed out their top 15 priority statements. The number one priority among all of the members was to support any proposal that supports the mental health continuation of care through regional triage centers for crisis intervention and the creation of new housing options. Specifically the statement deals with the Regional Treatment Centers.

Child Support Info graphic – Ruth Sundermeyer, Child Support Supervisor, reported that the handout covers the state as a whole from October of 2016 to September of 2017, the state fiscal year. It reflects the impact that Child Support system has on the state. Ruth also gave the commissioners background/history lesson on the Child Support System.

Financial Reports

Carli Goble reviewed the financial statement for the board-

- 1) We are on budget overall.
- 2) Foster Care still a high cost.
- 3) Fund Balance has been decreasing over the course of the last few years.
- 4) We will be around 83% of the budget by the end of October.

Committee Reports

H&HS Advisory Committee – Commissioner Westerlund and/or Pratt

- 1) Committee member Bob Marcum, Penny Olson, and Roberta Elvecrog provided details of their last meeting, held October 4, 2017.

- a. Was a good, short meeting.
- b. Bob talked about his involvement with a Public Health Nuisance cleanup he helped with in Salo Township and how he appreciated all of the help various community organizations, such as ANGEL's, gave to the project.

CJI Update – Commissioner Westerlund

- 1) In Commissioner Westerlund's absence, Jessi Schultz, Social Services Supervisor-Children's Services, gave an updaters about CJI. She mentioned that they talked about foster care placement and foster home locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Next Meeting – November 28, 2017