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**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2017**

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 25th day of April, 2017 at 9:05 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, and Anne Marcotte. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Cynthia Bennett, Fiscal Supervisor Kathleen Ryan, Financial Services Supervisor Jessi Goble, Public Health Supervisor Erin Melz, Social Service Supervisor Jessi Schultz, Child Support Supervisor Ruth Sundermeyer, Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham, and Guests: Bob Marcum and Roberta Elvecrog/H&HS Advisory Committee Members, Adam Hoogenakker/Aitkin Independent Age, and Citizen Georgia Johnson.

Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the April 25, 2017 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the March 28, 2017 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

Bills

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

Director Reports

Cynthia Bennett, Health & Human Services Director updated the Board on the following:

1. AMC Leadership Summit

Cynthia gave a brief summary on the benefits of this training. The summit was informative and focused on action. Attendees were encouraged to actively work on improving their leadership qualities. In addition, leaders were given tools that would assist with developing a plan to build a culture of leadership within their organization.

2. Legislative Updates

No significant legislative decisions at this time. The legislature reconvened last week and conference committee members will be identifying target spending goals and will then proceed to reconcile the house and senate proposals.

3. 1:1 Meetings with Employees

Cynthia reported that she has conducted around 50 1:1 meetings with HHS employees. These were very positive and informative sessions. Her conversations confirmed that all the employees are fully dedicated and committed to the services they provide and the individuals they serve. This commitment and dedication is a positive for our communities and wanted this to be known to our commissioners.

METS Video

Jessi Goble, Financial Services Supervisor showed the Board a video on METS - Minnesota Eligibility Technical System - System of Record.

Contract

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve contract with Presbyterian Family Foundation for Guardianship Services.

Financial Reports

Kathleen Ryan, Fiscal Supervisor reviewed the Health & Human Services 5-Year Trend, Financial Report, and Foster Care Report with the Board.

Joint Powers Board Reports

- Tri-County Community Health Services Board (CHS)

Committee Reports

- H&HS Advisory Committee
- CJI (Children's Justice Initiative)

Next Meeting - May 23, 2017