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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

April 23, 2024

H&HS Board Minutes

Attendance

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of April 2024, at 9:00 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board with the following members present: Board Chair, Commissioner J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Travis Leiviska, Bret Sample and Michael Kearney. County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Administrative Assistant April Kellerman, Health & Human Services Director Sarah Pratt, and Administrative Assistant Paula Arimborgo. Others present included: H&HS Supervisors Carli Goble, Erin Melz, and Jessi Goble; Jeanne Schram Aitkin Age, and other public guests. Joining via WebEx: AC Economic Development Coordinator Mark Jeffers.

1.A Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Leiviska and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the April 23, 2024 Health & Human Services agenda.

1.B Approval of the March 26, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Sample, seconded by Commissioner Kearney and carried, all members present voting yes to approve March 26, 2024 Health & Human Services minutes.

1.C Approval of Bills

Motion by Commissioner Leiviska, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the bills.

1.D Approval of H&HS Advisory Committee Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Kearney, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the appointment of Amy Wyant, CARE Executive Director, to the H&HS Advisory Committee representing District 5.

1.E Schedule Public Hearing Date

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Kearney and carried, all members present voting yes to schedule a Public Hearing Date of May 28th at 9:15 a.m. for the updated Tobacco Ordinance.

2.A Director Updates

Sarah Pratt, H&HS Director updated the board on the following:

- SSIS (Social Services) System update and upgrades
 - SSIS county allocation \$900,000 annually

- Awaiting an update regarding the spending plan regarding last sessions legislative allocation to modernization. \$3,376.38 for the year which is usually paid before the start of the new calendar year.
- \$15 million in Governor's supplemental budget
- House \$9 million for SSIS upgrades, Rep Pinto HF2476
- Senate \$10.4 million, Senator Wicklund SF4699
- Hiring update
 - Held interviews for open Child Protection (CP) position which has been open since January 4th. An offer was made.
 - We have an upcoming retirement in HCBS team, last day May 8th, started the hiring process.
 - We have experienced a lot of internal shifting since February 1st. A discussion was held at full staff gathering feedback from staff on internal shifting and they felt there is not a lot of opportunity for growth and change, this allows for that as well as helps with staff retention.
 - Both CP and HCBS have seen turn over and have been in coverage.

3.A 1st Quarter 2024 Fiscal Report

Carli Goble, H&HS Fiscal Supervisor, presented the 1st Quarter 2024 Fiscal Report to the board to include:

- Revenues by Department
- Revenues by Category
- Expenditures by Department
- Expenditures by Category
- Budget Summary

3.B Estate Recovery & MA

Carli Goble, H&HS Fiscal Supervisor gave a presentation on Estate Recovery & Medical Assistance (MA) to the board to include:

- What is Estate Recovery?
- What is considered an Asset of an Estate?
- When does Estate Recovery happen?
- Who is affected by Estate Recovery?
- How we can recover on an MA claim?

4.A Committee Updates

The Board discussed Tri-County Community Health Services, Lakes & Pines, AEOA, ARDC/AAAA, H&HS Advisory Committee, and CARE Board.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Next Meeting – May 28, 2024