



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Title of Item: Health & Human Services Annual Report

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Submitted by: Paula Arimborgo		Department: HHS Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Sarah Pratt, Director HHS		Estimated Time Needed: 5-10 minutes
Summary of Issue: Sarah Pratt will be sharing a snap shot of the Health & Human Services work conducted in 2024.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion:		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.



TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING
SERVICE IN A FISCALLY
RESPONSIBLE MANNER
THROUGH INNOVATION AND
COLLABORATION WITH
RESPECT FOR ALL.

WE STRIVE TO BE A COUNTY OF
SAFE, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES
THAT PLACE VALUE ON GOOD
STEWARDSHIP OF LOCAL
RESOURCES.



WE ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING
CUSTOMER SERVICE THROUGH
THESE CORE VALUES:
COLLABORATION, INNOVATION,
INTEGRITY, PEOPLE-FOCUSED, AND
PROFESSIONALISM.



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AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Report

2024

THIS DATA IS A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK
CONDUCTED IN 2024



ENHANCING LIVES

ADVANCING INCLUSION

CELEBRATING PROGRESS

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MENTAL HEALTH



15

Civil
Commitments

3290

Hours Allocated to
Adult Mental Health
Case Management

35 Active
Adult MH
Cases

26 Children served by
CMH
case management
services

COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY

313 Meetings with Inmates

106 Inmates Connected with Services
207 not requesting services

Referrals:

15 Mental Health
70 Chemical Dependency
20 Other

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

116

Hours Spent in
Treatment
Coordination

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

\$20,799 Collected Public Assistance
Program Overpayments

Collected in Agency Claims \$23,138

\$272,744 Total Collected in Medical
Assistance Estate Recovery

Incentive Achieved for Aitkin County \$67,190

Start of Life

Growing Older

Prenatal, Young Children and Prevention Programs

- 221 - Average monthly participants in Women Infants and Children (WIC) program: \$97,673 WIC dollars redeemed in Aitkin County
- 249 - Aitkin County appointments served through Children's Dental Services Clinics
- 143 - Home visits by Public Health Nurses for Maternal & Child Health
- 139 - Children served through Follow Along
- 1,163 - Children served through Child and Teen Checkups program
- 34 - Safety seats distributed

Childcare

- 18 - Childcare Providers
- 38 - Monthly average of children accessing childcare with assistance

Child Protection

- 294 - Reports involving children
- 10 - Children entered foster care
- 12 - Exited foster care to reunify with a parent or other permanent option
- 38 - Children in out of home placement throughout the year

Adult Protection

- 115 - Reports
- 20 - Emergency Protection Services
- 45 - Cases opened for investigation

People with Disabilities, Chronic Illness, Brain Injuries & Developmental Disabilities

- 224 - Voluntary Adult Intake Requests
- 299 - MnCHOICES Assessments
- 4505 - Hours spent completing MnCHOICES Assessments
- 224 - People served by a disability waiver for the year
- 42 - Adult Community Residential Services beds
- 2 - Child Community Residential Setting beds
- 23 - Adult Family Foster Care beds
- 8895.25 - Hours documented in all Disability Waiver Case Management

Aging and the Elderly

- 6281.25 - Hours documented in Elderly Waiver Service Coordination
- 69 - MnCHOICES Assessments
- 36 - Individuals served through family residential & customized Living settings
- 229 - Individuals served through the Elderly Waiver and Alternative Care to help people stay in their homes
- 29 - Individuals served through care coordination whom reside in community skilled nursing facilities

\$44,912,917 Estimated annual amount spent for ALL Medical Assistance Program Services paid out for Aitkin County Residents

Financial Assistance

- 3768 - Monthly average of individuals receiving Medical Assistance
- 116 - Monthly average of individuals receiving General Assistance or MN Supplemental Assistance
- 11 - Households in total received Emergency Assistance in 2024
- 29 - Adults, 65 Children and 48 Households receiving Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program benefits per month
- 1196 Individuals and 691 Households, on average per month, received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- 58 - Monthly average number of persons receiving housing supports
- 2875 - Average number of cases per month for all program types

Child Support

- 489 - Cases
- 1.4 Million - Support collected for families



- 68 - Market Boxes of food distributed
- 1156 - Riverwood Food RX Boxes
- 300 - Aitkin Farm Fresh Boxes
- \$12,157 - Food Hub Net

Food Hub

Commercial Tobacco Free/Tobacco Prevention

- Number of Completed Compliance Checks:
- 28 - Congratulate & Educate;
- 9 sold to underage buyers
- 20 - Compliance Checks;
- 4 sold to underage buyers



- Number of Presentations:
- 1 - County Board
- 1 - HHS Advisory Committee
- 1 - Aitkin School

Disease Prevention Control

- 29 Clinics at 15 different locations
- 431 - People vaccinated
- 381 - Influenza vaccines administered; 304 Adults & 77 Children
- 22 - Other vaccinations (not flu, not COVID)
- 248 - COVID-19 vaccines administered
- 100 - test kits given to community members

Initiatives Include: Suicide Prevention..... Substance Misuse Awareness..... Making a Change..... Statewide Health Improvement Partnership..... Families First Act..... Local Mental Health and Wellbeing Interventions