

WRIGHT COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
MINUTES  
August 8, 2016

1:30 P.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The regular meeting of the Wright County Health & Human Services Board was called to order at 1:32 P.M., Monday, August 8, 2016, by Vice Chairperson Potter.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2016.

Action: The Minutes were moved for approval by Husom, seconded by Borrell and carried.

AGENDA:

Action: The Agenda was moved for approval by Borrell, seconded by Husom and carried.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Christine Husom - District 1  
Pat Sawatzke - District 2

Michael Potter - District 4  
Charlie Borrell - District 5

Member Absent:

Mark Daleiden - District 3

Staff Present:

Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager  
Jessica Nelson, Social Services Supervisor  
Richelle Kramer, Social Services Supervisor  
Mary Nesseth, Public Health Supervisor  
Lisa Bredeson, Financial Services Supervisor  
Tammi Martens, Financial Services Supervisor  
Catherine Main, Public Health Nurse  
Heidi Davis, Secretary

New Hires:

Nicole Banke, Social Worker in Intake & Assessment, date of hire 7/26/16  
Mary Lee, .8 FTE Public Health Nurse in Family Health; date of hire 8/08/16

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Social Services Payments Abstract – \$187,622.30
2. Unit Retreats
  - a. Office Technician - September 7, 2016; at Law Enforcement Center (attachment)
  - b. Children's Services Unit - August 19, 2016, at Ney Park (attachment)

Action: The Consent Agenda was moved for approval by Husom, seconded by Borrell and carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE PAYMENTS:

Action: Motion by Borrell, seconded by Husom, to approve the Administrative Payments in the amount of \$26,300.45; 74 vendors, and 183 transactions, subject to audit. Moved carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC HEALTH/FINANCIAL SERVICES:

1. DHS Guidelines on 24/7 Coverage and Imminent Danger.  
Michelle Miller reviewed a summary of the Draft DHS Guidelines regarding 24/7 coverage for Child Protective Services. 24/7 Coverage is one the 93 recommendations from the Governor's Taskforce.

Miller stated Wright County is fairly well situated due to our having an On Call system staff by Social Workers. However, changes may be necessary, pending the final directive from DHS.

Husom asked how many calls Child Protection roughly receives per year that are considered imminent danger situations. Nelson said her Office Technician staff pulled reports from the previous two years and there have been roughly 70-80 reports placed per year. Of those, two to three require an emergency visit with staff. Nelson explained that with the new criteria the emergency visits will most certainly see an influx.

Potter asked Nelson if she has spoken to any other counties on what their plans are for this change. Nelson said she has spoken to several other agencies and they are in a similar waiting phase as we are. However, given Hennepin County's large size, they are moving forward with 24 hour staffing; this isn't necessary for most counties though. Some counties are creating an on-call schedule for only Child Protection workers while other counties plan to have Law Enforcement only take these calls. Nelson shared that there is a large variation of what surrounding counties are planning to do or what they will need to do in regards to these changes.

Potter requested information on when a final decision will be made on the new guidelines. Nelson stated that DHS has a Legislative Task Force that is handling this but that they have not shared a date yet. Nelson shared that any individual can go online and sign up to attend the task force meetings if they are interested in more information, etc. Potter will be looking into the task force.

2. Public Health Update on Zika Virus.

Catherine Main, Public Health Nurse, was present to give an update on the Zika Virus. Main shared that there are two species of mosquitos that carry the Zika Virus, *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has started searching several Minnesota cities for the *Aedes albopictus* specie. Recreation and commercial sites in southern Minnesota were surveyed and MDH investigators did not find any of the mosquitoes. In the past, *Aedes albopictus* has been found in Minnesota but only because the mosquito was transported in by vehicles from other states. This specie has not established or sustained a population in Minnesota. *Aedes aegypti* has never been found in Minnesota. Both species of mosquitos that carry Zika are tropical mosquitos, very unlikely to survive conditions in Minnesota. Minnesota has 29 cases of Zika, all travel related, with one case in Wright County. The state of Florida has local Zika transmission, no other state has reported local transmission.

Main stated that many people infected with Zika Virus won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms, such as fever, rash, joint pain, and/or conjunctivitis. Symptoms can last for several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. Once a person has been infected with Zika, they are likely to be protected from future infections.

Zika is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. These are the some mosquitos that spread dengue and chikungunya viruses. These mosquitos typically lay eggs in and near standing water in things like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases. Mosquitos that spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika are aggressive daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Mosquitos become infected when they feed on a person already infected with the virus. Infected mosquitos can then spread the virus to other people through bites.

Main reported that, in Minnesota, the endemic mosquito borne diseases are the West Nile Virus, La Cross encephalitis and Jamestown Canyon virus. Zika Virus has gained a lot of attention primarily because of the devastating birth defects it causes which have been widely publicized. Main said the MDH laboratory is able to test for Zika virus. There is no treatment for Zika at this time.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Mental Health Advisory Committee Appointments (attachments)  
District 2 - Cathy Elfstrand; Brandon Pellaton  
Action: Moved for approval by Husom, seconded by Sawatzke and carried.
  
2. Committee/Task Force Reappointments for July-December, 2016 (attachment)  
Advisory Committee  
District 1 – Diana Skeen (3<sup>rd</sup> term); Jeremy Tyler (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
District 2 – Heather Elliott-Heath (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
District 5 – Vickie Nibbe (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
Mental Health Advisory Council  
District 1 - Erva Hance (3<sup>rd</sup> term); Sheila Knop-LaPlant (3<sup>rd</sup> term); Eric Wiedewitsch (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
District 2 - Becky Roehlke (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
Action: Moved for approval by Husom, seconded by Sawatzke and carried.
  
3. Director's Comments:  
Michelle Miller shared an article with the Commissioners from the AMC July/August Publication. The article was written by Hennepin County's Assistant County Administrator and it was directed to County Commissioners. The article provided information to draw attention to the three main resource challenges that many Minnesota County's face; MNsure, MnCHOICES, and Child Protection.

The next regular meeting will be held at 1:30 P.M., Monday, August 22, 2016, in the Commissioners Room, at the Wright County Government Center. Potter adjourned the meeting at 2:14 P.M.