



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

- Present:** Commissioner Atkins, Chairperson Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Holberg
- Excused:** Commissioner Hamann-Roland
- Absent:** Commissioner Slavik

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland was present via Zoom but was not part of the voting quorum.

Also in attendance were Matt Smith, County Manager; Lucie O'Neill, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson.

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Community Services Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, requested that the agenda be amended to remove item 5.1: *Update On Truancy Reduction Program*.

Commissioner Joe Atkins requested item 4.7: *Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Cities In Dakota County To Support Eligible Opioid Settlement Activities And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget* be pulled from the Consent agenda and moved to the Regular agenda for discussion.

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the amended agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 5

Excused: 1

4. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Droste, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the amended consent agenda, with item 4.7 (Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Cities In Dakota County To Support Eligible Opioid Settlement Activities And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget) pulled, was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On February 20, 2024

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

4.2 Authorization To Execute Contract With Collaborative Safety, LLC For Safety Training

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, promoting the safety and well-being of staff and the people we serve is a priority for the Community Services Division (CSD); and

WHEREAS, to support this work, the CSD seeks approval to contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC in a total not to exceed amount of \$204,000, for the period upon date of execution through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Safety, LLC will provide a series of structured trainings and coaching to CSD staff and leaders aimed at building and maintaining a culture of safety throughout the division using the Collaborative Safety Model; and

WHEREAS, founded in Safety Science, the Collaborative Safety Model helps organizations move away from using reactionary approaches to fix things that go wrong because evidence suggests such approaches may make people and organizations less safe; and

WHEREAS, instead, the Collaborative Safety Model emphasizes the importance of understanding and addressing underlying systemic issues that contribute to poor outcomes or safety incidents; and

WHEREAS, it focuses on understanding how staff make decisions in an organizational setting as well as understanding how managers and supervisors shape employee performance to achieve successful outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Safety, LLC is the only vendor staff was able to identify that offers comprehensive training on the application of safety science within human services organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC is being pursued as a single source procurement with pricing determined to be fair and reasonable through validation with the Minnesota Department of Health and other Minnesota county agencies that have contracted with the same vendor for similar scope; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC will support a series of trainings and ongoing technical assistance for approximately 125 CSD supervisors, managers and senior leaders who will champion the shift toward a culture of safety across the CSD and help support and sustain it going forward through the application of safety science and specialized techniques such as system mapping and systemic critical incident reviews; and

WHEREAS, additionally, a sub-set of this group will be coached by experts from Collaborative Safety, LLC through the process of designing and implementing a more robust approach to supporting staff after they experience critical safety incidents in the course of their work; and

WHEREAS, this is a particularly important and timely investment because of the increasing volume of safety concerns expressed by CSD staff who are regularly exposed to potentially threatening or traumatic incidents due to the nature of their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC for a total not to exceed amount of \$204,000, for the period upon date of execution through December 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount(s) due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.3 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement For Community Corrections Access To Minnesota Department Of Public Safety Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is authorized by law to maintain systems and tools and has access to other systems and tools that are useful to criminal and non-criminal justice agencies in the performance of official duties; and

WHEREAS, the BCA has established the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) for the purpose of enabling agencies across the State of Minnesota to access such systems and tools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-042 (January 22, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the BCA to utilize CJDN from date of execution for a period of five years at a total annual cost of \$3,720; and

WHEREAS, Community Corrections recommends renewing the JPA to enable the use of the systems and tools available over the State's CJDN for which Community Corrections is eligible; and

WHEREAS, the JPA would provide Community Corrections with access to such systems and tools that benefit criminal justice agencies in performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, the JPA further provides the ability to add, modify, and delete connectivity, systems and tools for a period of five years from the date of execution at a total annual cost of \$3,720.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for access to Minnesota Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Data Communications Network from the date of execution for a period of five years at a total annual cost of \$3,720, or until completion by the parties of their respective obligations under the joint powers agreement, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions of the joint powers agreement, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on March, 19, 2024, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.4 Ratification To Accept Funds For Minnesota Family Investment Program With Minnesota Department Of Human Services, And Authorization To Execute Biennial Service Agreement And Approve Public Comment Process

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §256J.626, subd.4, requires counties to have an approved service agreement to receive consolidated funds; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of this service agreement is to assess statewide efforts toward the goal of “economic stability for low-income families” under the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); and

WHEREAS, the agreement assesses the ongoing needs of families and children within program areas, the resources available to address these needs, budgeting of allocated resources, and community participation and review in the planning and development of the service agreement; and

WHEREAS, staff presented an initial overview of the plan to the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Service Agreement builds upon existing efforts by counties to serve the needs of families and children, and to assess how well current efforts are leading to better outcomes for Minnesota families; and

WHEREAS, counties use MFIP Consolidated Fund to administer MFIP financial assistance, the Diversionary Work Program, deliver Minnesota Family Investment Program and Divisionary Work Program employment services, and provide emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, as required by DHS, Employment and Economic Assistance provided an opportunity for public comment through an online public posting on Dakota County’s website, available for comment for thirty days prior to the submission of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County did not receive any public comments as a result and the announcement closed for comments on March 9, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners ratifies acceptance of funds from the Minnesota Family Investment Program with the Minnesota Department of Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$9,045,450 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the Biennial Service Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$9,045,450 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the process for public comment, as required by DHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.5 Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health For Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Grant, Execute Grant Agreement, Add 1.0 Grant-Funded, Full-Time Equivalent And Amend 2024 Public Health Budget

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) adopted the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) National Framework for Foundational Public Health Services <<https://phaboard.org/center-for-innovation/public-health-frameworks/the-foundational-public-health-services/>>, which outlines the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and defines a minimum package of capabilities and programs that must be available in every community; and

WHEREAS, this framework will allow Public Health to explain the vital role of governmental public health in a thriving community, identify capacity and resource gaps, determine the cost for assuring foundational activities, and justify funding needs; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations are the minimum capabilities and services; however, to best serve our community, additional services may be required; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive cost and capacity assessment was completed across Minnesota to understand the gaps in the public health services and capabilities and the assessment showed significant disparities between local health departments in promoting, protecting, and preventing disease; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 session, the Minnesota Legislature allocated funds to local community health boards to fulfill foundational public health

responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this ongoing, annual funding is a legislative component of the Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) defined by Minn. Stat. §145A.131 but is to be used specifically to strengthen local and tribal public health departments; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (PH) was awarded \$146,832 from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for foundational public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, community health boards must provide a match of at least 75 percent of the new foundational public health responsibilities funding, as is required for the Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) and Dakota County is currently meeting this requirement at no additional funding required; and

WHEREAS, PH plans to utilize this funding to add a 1.0 grant-funded full-time equivalent (FTE) Environmental Health Supervisor to create infrastructure to support an environmental health program that can respond to the increasing needs of our population as suggested in the April 2023 Office of Planning and Analysis (OPA) Environmental Health Program review; and

WHEREAS, additional capacity will also be used to create a strategic approach to the partnership between Environmental Health and Environmental Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities grant in the amount of \$146,832 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add a 1.0 grant-funded, full-time equivalent Environmental Health Supervisor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Public Health budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue

MDH Grant Revenue	<u>\$146,832</u>
Total Revenue	\$146,832

Expense

Staff Expense	<u>\$146,832</u>
Total Expense	\$146,832

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.6 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Farmington For Wellness Initiatives Funded Through Minnesota Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), which invests in preventing chronic disease, is overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is administered by local public and tribal health partners; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health receives an annual grant allocation through MDH to coordinate and fund SHIP strategies; and

WHEREAS, human milk is an infant's first source of healthy nutrition, which supports lifelong positive public health outcomes for both mother and child and an employer is an important support system in achieving sustained lactation goals; and

WHEREAS, adequate lactation accommodations via an employer are a federal legal requirement, but limited resources exist to support employers in accessing technical assistance and other resources to meet this mandate; and

WHEREAS, this initiative with the City of Farmington will support the development of two lactation spaces for Farmington Fire and Rescue employees and other residents that may need to utilize a lactation space; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will include technical assistance in policy, systems, and environmental change to better serve the needs of new parents; and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to achieve four main goals including increasing physical activity, improving access to healthy foods, improving mental wellbeing, and reducing the use of, and exposure to, tobacco; and

WHEREAS, SHIP specifically supports and funds community neighborhood organizations, school districts and childcare organizations, health care settings, and other government worksites in wellness policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, grants have been awarded through a contract process with grantees and this year Dakota County will enter into a JPA for wellness initiatives via the SHIP grant with City of Farmington for Farmington Fire & Rescue Worksite Wellness Lactation Support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Farmington for worksite wellness lactation support, for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025, with a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.8 Authorization To Accept Additional Grant Funds For Local Homeless Prevention Aid With Minnesota Department Of Revenue, Execute Contract Amendment For Prevention Activities And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the purpose of Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA), a new funding source that began in July 2023, is to help local governments ensure no child is homeless by keeping families from losing housing and helping those experiencing homelessness find housing; and

WHEREAS, funding is distributed to counties as an allocation from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDR), with the first allocation on July 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, funding is designated for five years and the annual amount is subject to change; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County was notified that it will receive \$144,163 in

additional funds for year one; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-279 (June 20, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized acceptance of LHPA grant funds and execution of contracts with The Link and 360 Communities; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to accept additional funds from MDR in the amount of \$144,163 and execute a contract amendment with 360 Communities to add an additional \$144,163 for a new total not to exceed contract amount of \$649,000 for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA) grant funds in the amount of \$144,163 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with 360 Communities for Local Homeless Prevention Aid services to add \$144,163 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$649,000 for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The 2024 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Social Services Budget	<u>\$144,163</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$144,163</u>

Revenue

LHPA Grant Funds	<u>\$144,163</u>
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Total Revenue **\$144,163**

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.9 Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment For Street Outreach Services With Ally Supportive Services, LLC

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Housing section of Social Services provides both in-house and contracted services across the services continuum; and

WHEREAS, the contracted services include street outreach, intake and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and housing search and stability services for people experiencing homelessness in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-471 (October 24, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a street outreach contract with Ally Supportive Services, LLC in the amount of \$102,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) funding for street outreach for adults experiencing homelessness decreased significantly starting in the third quarter of 2023 due to the elimination and/or reduction of current Community Living Infrastructure (CLI) grants by DHS, even as the number of people experiencing homelessness has remained at historic highs; and

WHEREAS, to continue street outreach services, staff recommends amending the contract with Ally Supportive Services, LLC to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 for a new total not to exceed contract amount of \$202,000 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment for street outreach services with Ally Supportive Services, LLC to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 for a new total not to exceed contract amount of \$202,000 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that

allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.10 Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Behavioral Dimensions Inc. For In-Home And Community-Based Services

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the work of Children and Family Services requires access to in-home and community-based services for children, youth, and families, whether in addressing child protection issues, children's mental health needs, truancy, or youth transitioning from the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act, specifically Minn. Stat. § 245.4874, subd. 1, requires county boards to develop a system of affordable and locally available children's mental health services based on a local service delivery system detailed in Minn. Stat. § 245.4875, subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Dimensions Inc. currently provides Intensive Behavioral Specialist programming for Dakota County children who meet Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) eligibility, up to age 18, who have frequent behavioral health crises and are unable to access most services due to frequent and/or severe episodes of unsafe behavior; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Dimensions Inc. has also recently agreed to provide a limited number of crisis diagnostic assessments for children who are boarding in hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, this additional service will help move children out of hospital emergency rooms much more quickly and get them the services they need sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Dimensions Inc. contract was effective on January 1, 2023 and will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a contract amendment to increase the not to exceed amount from \$75,000 to \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with Behavioral Health Inc. for In-Home and Community-Based Services to increase the not to exceed amount to \$200,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

4.11 Ratification Of Grant Application To Minnesota Housing Finance Agency For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Program Funds And Authorization To Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement And Related Contracts, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, FHPAP grant funding may be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, an advisory committee was established to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, for the 2023-2025 biennium, a request for proposals for subcontractors was issued on February 7, 2023, as required by county procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received and three subgrantees, Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency (CAP Agency), 360 Communities, and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) were selected to serve homeless and at-risk families, single adults and youth; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-164 (April 25, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of the FHPAP grant application, acceptance of grant funds, and execution of grant agreement and related contracts; and

WHEREAS, for the upcoming biennium, staff requests ratification to submit another grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the FHPAP grant in the amount up to \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount includes up to \$3,000,000 for the three recommended contracted subgrantees, and up to 15 percent for administrative costs for the contract term beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, staff recommends execution of contracts with the CAP Agency, 360 Communities, and the YMCA for a combined total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the contract term beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for up to \$3,000,000 with contract terms beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept grant funds and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount awarded for the grant term beginning upon grant execution through September 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency, 360 Communities, and the Young Men's Christian Association for a combined amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the contract terms beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contract terms up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the 2024 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Social Services Budget	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
Total Expense	\$3,000,000

Revenue

FHPAP Grant	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$3,000,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

5. Regular Agenda

- 4.7** Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Cities In Dakota County To Support Eligible Opioid Settlement Activities And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: William Droste

This item was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director presented on this item and stood for questions. Ryan Garcia, South St. Paul City Administrator, also contributed to the discussion.

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, Dakota County Public Health held a board workshop to discuss next steps related to the opioid response and as a part of that meeting, Public Health requested the consideration of up to \$195,000 for cities in Dakota County with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 to support eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) funded through the National Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOA, Dakota County will draw from special revenue funds as follows:

- 1. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of

time.

2. The budget or resolution must (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditures of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or city intends to fund, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to identify each funded strategy, if applicable; and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time

; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOA Section III. D, Dakota County may grant Opioid Settlement Funds to another entity for that entity to fund one or more strategies stated in the MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is ultimately responsible for monitoring and tracking the use of the funds it grants to satisfy its reporting obligations; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to enter into joint powers agreements (JPA)s with the cities of Farmington, Hastings, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul, for terms effective upon execution of each JPA through July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to allocate up to \$195,000 of opioid settlement funds from the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget for reimbursement for eligible activities in accordance with the MOA; and

WHEREAS, city Funding Totals are based on U.S. Census data estimations on July 1, 2019, and distributions are as follows:

City of Farmington	\$36,742
City of Hastings	\$36,417
City of Mendota Heights	\$18,049
City of Rosemount	\$40,110
City of South St. Paul	\$31,920
City of West St. Paul	\$31,762

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will disburse the funds upon receiving documentation of the cost, authorized opioid remediation use, and a resolution from the applicable city council specifically identifying the remediation strategy(ies) and associated item letter/number from MOA Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute joint powers agreements with the cities of Farmington, Hastings, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul to support eligible

activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement funded through the National Opioid Settlement Funds for a combined total amount of up to \$195,000, for terms effective upon execution of each joint powers agreement through July 1, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form, with total not to exceed amounts as follows:

City of Farmington	\$36,742
City of Hastings	\$36,417
City of Mendota Heights	\$18,049
City of Rosemount	\$40,110
City of South St. Paul	\$31,920
City of West St. Paul	\$31,762

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget to allocate up to \$195,000 of opioid settlement funds for reimbursement to cities with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 for eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, for terms effective upon execution of each joint powers agreement through July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County will disburse the Opioid Settlement Funds only upon receiving documentation of the cost, authorized opioid remediation use, and a resolution from the applicable city council specifically identifying the remediation strategy(ies) and associated item letter/number from the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Non-Departmental budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Eligible City Expenses	<u>\$195,000</u>
Total Expense	\$195,000

Revenue

Opioid Settlement Funds	<u>\$195,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$195,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

Ayes: 4

Chairperson Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Holberg

Nay: 1

Commissioner Atkins

Excused: 1

Commissioner Hamann-Roland

5.1 Update On Truancy Reduction Program

This item was removed from the Agenda; therefore, there was no presentation.

5.2 Update On Task Force Final Report On Priority Admissions To State-Operated Treatment Programs

Emily Schug, Deputy Director, Social Services - Adult Services, and Sheriff Joe Leko, County Sheriff's Office, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Approval To Submit Community Corrections 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan To Minnesota Department Of Corrections

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Suwana Kirkland, Community Corrections Director, and Jim Scovil, Community Corrections Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions.

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Act, passed by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1973, authorizes the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to issue subsidy funding to assist counties in the development, implementation and operation of community-based correctional services; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Act requires participating counties to submit a comprehensive plan to the DOC for approval; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is first, to demonstrate to the Commissioner of Corrections compliance with the standards established by the Community Corrections Act, and policies and procedures governing the services prescribed by the Commissioner and second, to demonstrate to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners the efforts of the Community Corrections Department to meet its mission to transform lives, promote equity and increase community safety; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-585 (December 14, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the 2022-2025 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for submission to the DOC; and

WHEREAS, since then, changes to funding resulted in the DOC requiring all counties to submit a new plan, in a new (reduced) format for the years 2023-2027, aligning plan dates for all counties; and

WHEREAS, the data required in the plan is through 2022 and was already reported and approved by the Board in the last Comprehensive Plan submission; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan, created from portions of the previous plan, updates the DOC on the programs and services of the Dakota County Community Corrections department, and outlines the goals and strategies for 2023 through 2027 for correctional services; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Corrections 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan, which has been preliminarily reviewed by the DOC, will be submitted to the Commissioner of DOC upon approval by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the final copy will be on file with the Clerk to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2023-2027 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for submission to the Minnesota Department of Corrections and Commissioner of Corrections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Corrections Department shall make the Plan available, upon request, to the residents of Dakota County.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024.

Ayes: 5

Excused: 1

5.4 Update On Aspen House And Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Liz Holberg

Suwana Kirkland, Community Corrections Director; Sarah Reetz, Community Corrections Deputy Director; and Karen Sanness, Social Services - Children & Family Services Director, presented on this item and stood for questions.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-105 (March 8, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase and renovation of a property

in Mendota Heights to be used as a children's residential facility providing short term housing and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-110 (March 22, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved Nexus Family Healing, a non-profit with nearly 50 years of experience providing mental health and residential services to children and families, to operate this facility; and

WHEREAS, this project began in 2019, when Washington and Dakota counties partnered to address the gap in services created when Harbor Shelter closed its Hastings youth shelter; and

WHEREAS, the counties sought to replace this resource for children and families in crisis and enhance the therapeutic programming provided at the facility; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and remodeling of the Aspen House property was funded by approximately \$2,150,000 in American Rescue Plan funds with \$1,750,000 from Dakota County and \$400,000 from Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Aspen House, which opened in October 2022, provides short-term housing for up to 90 days for up to 12 residents, ages 12-18; and

WHEREAS, county mobile crisis response, juvenile justice, child protection, and children's mental health teams utilize this program when youth temporarily need a safe place to stay away from home while service professionals (social workers, probation officers, therapists) work on reunification or longer-term solutions for the family; and

WHEREAS, the services and programming at Aspen House include family engagement, maintaining family and cultural connections, family therapy, transition planning, and psychoeducation; and

WHEREAS, educational services are provided on-site in partnership with Independent School District 197; and

WHEREAS, Nexus Family Healing is requesting an additional reimbursement for year one expenditures in the amount of \$181,000 for items that were not covered in the initial per diem rate; and

WHEREAS, this includes added food cost, new hire expenses, building and grounds maintenance, and outpatient therapy services that were incurred in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the additional reimbursement amount is being proposed to our partner, Washington County Social Services, to pay one third of the cost, which would be the following payment if agreed upon:

- Dakota County Social Services: \$60,333.50
- Dakota County Community Corrections: \$60,333.50
- Washington County Social Services (if agreed upon): \$60,333.00

; and

WHEREAS, a contract amendment is requested to the Nexus Family Healing contract adding an additional reimbursement payment of \$181,000 and increasing the per diem rate by \$102.68 beginning January 1, 2024 increasing the rates to the following:

- Dakota County and Washington County: \$481.08
- Other Counties (+35%): \$649.46

; and

WHEREAS, the current not to exceed amount for the full term of the contract, July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, is \$2,196,908, which is sufficient to cover the requested amendments noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an amendment to the Nexus Family Healing contract adding an additional reimbursement payment of \$181,000 and increasing the per diem rate by \$102.68 beginning January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 3/26/2024 with the removal of the following resolution clause: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Excused: 1

6. Community Services Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided, pointing out the information on next steps in Housing planning. She also mentioned that she was part of a group that did a modernization technology

demonstration at the State, hosted by Representative Clardy and in attendance were Commissioners Atkins and Droste. There is a recording and she would also be willing to do a demo for any interested Commissioners. Ms. Fischbach then referred to the Board Planning Calendar, which was also provided, and indicated that April has a big agenda and the presenters for the Truancy Update are not available, so staff will consider presenting the item to the Committee in May. Ms. Fischbach then stood for questions.

County Manager, Matt Smith, mentioned that the Cyber Security Update at the General Government and Policy meeting on March 26 will be a closed session with an estimated 45 minute discussion.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting. No topics were brought forth.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Joe Atkins, seconded by Commissioner William Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Excused: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division