



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

1:00 PM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on June 10, 2025

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Sunsetting Of Adult Probation Fees And Approval Of Plan To Minnesota Department Of Corrections

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

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

WHEREAS, the state legislature increased funding for Community Corrections and, through the 2023 Public Safety Bill, ended the ability of counties to assess probation supervision fees starting August 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, each county is required to send the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections its plan by August 1, 2025, for eliminating probation fees; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-369 (August 29, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved acceptance of increased funding from the 2023 Public Safety Bill and amended the Community Corrections Budget; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Community Corrections plans to continue to assess fees until the statute no longer allows it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Corrections Director to submit the plan letter to the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/29/2025.

Ayes: 7

5.2 Update On Minnesota African American Family Preservation And Child Welfare Disproportionality Act

From Social Services - Children and Family Services, Nikki Conway, Director, and Lawrence Dickens, Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Authorization To Execute Contract For Community Resource Center Coordinating Agency Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Jenny Douville, Pathways to Prosperity and Well-being Manager, presented on this item and stood for questions.

WHEREAS, county staff and community partners have been exploring the potential to develop Community Resource Centers (CRC), previously referred to as One-Stop Shops, in Dakota County for several years; and

WHEREAS, these centers would offer a comprehensive array of services and supports to meet people's needs in community settings, with the goal of promoting family well-being and preventing involvement in child protection and other deep-end services; and

WHEREAS, the services and supports would be provided by a constellation of community organizations, hosted by community partners, with structural support from a Coordinating Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Sauer Family Foundation offered a grant application that was intended to support the county and community partners in implementing CRCs in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-212 (April 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of an application for a Sauer Family Foundation Grant in the amount up to \$525,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, and execution of the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County was awarded \$370,000 and an extension through June 30, 2027, from the Sauer Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the County plans to pair these monies with existing Community Service monies to fund the CRC Coordinating Agency services, including dollars to fund community navigation and to support a community advisory council; and

WHEREAS, this contract will not exceed \$582,620 over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for CRC Coordinating Agency services on May 1, 2025, and two responses were received; and

WHEREAS, after a panel review and discussion, a joint proposal from Residents of Color Collective (ROCC) and The Improve Group Cooperative was selected to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will contract with The Improve Group Cooperative, as the Agency Coordinator, and subcontract with ROCC to provide the Program Coordinator Services; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with The Improve Group Cooperative (who will subcontract with ROCC) to provide CRC Coordinating Agency services in the amount up to \$582,620 for the period of execution date through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with The Improve Group Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$582,620 for the period of execution date through June 30, 2027, 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.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/29/2025.

Ayes: 7

5.4 Home And Community Based Services Update

From Social Services, Emily Schug, Director; Katherine Kreager-Pieper, Deputy Director; and Mary Woodard, Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

5.5 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Error Rate

Tiffinie Miller-Sammons, Employment and Economic Assistance Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes; no staff direction was given.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Director's Report

Division Director Marti Fischbach noted the following items in the written report that was provided: Legislative Recap; Medical Assistance and MnCHOICES backlog, which will be provided monthly; Gopher Resource Incident Recap; and the Crisis and Recovery Center Update.

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

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by
Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division

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