



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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 and Commissioner Holberg

Absent: Commissioner Hamann-Roland

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: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

Staff presented a revised Request for Board Action for Item 5.1. The new title for item 5.1 is *Authorization To Allocate Local Affordable Housing Aid Services And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget*. The Chair, Commissioner Halverson, requested a motion to approve the agenda with the substituted Request for Board Action for Item 5.1.

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the amended agenda with the substitution of a revised Request for Board Action for Item 5.1 was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6

4. Consent Agenda

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

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On March 19, 2024

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

4.2 Authorization To Execute Contract With Clarity Solutions Group LLC For Service Delivery Model Design Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Services Division's mission is to partner with individuals, families, and communities to build healthy, stable, and vibrant lives with efforts guided by a strategic framework that reflects the vision of "Healthy, Safe and Thriving Communities"; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County residents face an urgent need to access public assistance, such as medical, food, cash assistance, employment and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Employment and Economic Assistance (EEA) Department issued a solicitation on September 22, 2023, to understand options for Service Delivery Model Design Services; and

WHEREAS, four proposals were received and evaluated based on programmatic approach, expertise in Service Delivery Model Design, knowledge of and experience with government business operations and public human services, and other criteria; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the solicitation was to find an individual or organization to provide consultation, implementation, and support to enable EEA to improve its service delivery model; and

WHEREAS, this work will provide consultation to identify and improve performance indicators, provide consultation on development of business intelligence tools where visualizations can be built for performance indicators, maximize use of technology and integrated eligibility solutions, reduce technological debt and provide recommendations to divisional leadership on strategies to consider in preparing for and implementing a future refresh of the service delivery model that includes broad engagement from a breadth of diverse stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review and demonstrations, Clarity Solutions Group LLC was selected by the panel members based on the above-mentioned evaluation criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Clarity Solutions Group LLC for Service Delivery Model Design services from the date of contract execution through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, 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 amount(s) due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

4.3 Authorization To Amend 2024 Social Services Budget To Add New Adult Protection Grant Funding, Add 3.0 Grant Funded Full-Time Equivalent And Add Purchase Of Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, under the Vulnerable Adult Act, Minn. Stat. § 626.557 and Minnesota Administrative Rule 955.7100 to 955.7600, counties have responsibility for responding to reports alleging abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, as a lead agency, Dakota County provides Adult Protection Services (APS) including emergency protective services, report screening, assessment, investigation, and protective service coordination; and

WHEREAS, numbers of APS screenings, assessments, and investigations have increased in recent years, as has the complexity of service coordination; and

WHEREAS, state funding for adult protection services, in the amount of \$3,000,000 is allocated annually to support counties in delivering APS; and WHEREAS, Dakota County's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 base Adult Protection allocation is \$278,423, which is an increase of \$93,511 from SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-394 (September 20, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the Dakota County's SFY 2022 spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) allocated Minnesota

counties additional one-time grant funding for APS for SFYs 2024-2027 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2027); and

WHEREAS, funding was made available in Chapter 61, Article 2 Section 7 2023 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's one-time allocation for SFYs 2023-2027 is \$365,175, annually; and

WHEREAS, the statutory formula for both county APS allocations is based 25 percent on the number of adults referred by the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) in the calendar year and 75 percent on the number of adults referred by the MAARC and accepted by the County for APS; and

WHEREAS, the base allocation and additional one-time grant funds are required to be spent by counties to expand, not supplant, county expenditures for APS programs; and

WHEREAS, counties are advised the majority of this funding is one-time funding for allocation over four (4) SFYs; and

WHEREAS, current base state grant funding dedicated to APS of \$5.65 million allocated through the Vulnerable Child and Adult Act and Adult Protection State Grant Allocation will be increased by \$866,000 following SFY 2027; and

WHEREAS, using APS grant funds not already budgeted, staff recommends adding 2.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Social Workers and a 1.0 FTE Coordinator to respond to increased volume and complexity of reports, assessments, and investigations; and

WHEREAS, additional staffing will increase capacity for follow-up on reports, timely case assignments, service coordination, assessment, case management, eligibility determination and system coordination; and

WHEREAS, new FTE will be added in mid-2024 and continued as grant funds are available to cover position costs, which is anticipated to be 2027 but could be longer with carryover funds; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the remainder of APS grant funds be budgeted for purchase of services to address the health and well-being of vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, some examples of purchased service needs are personal hygiene supplies, home modifications, home-delivered meals, security deposit, support for caregivers and specialized transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add 3.0 grant-funded full-time equivalents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2024 Social Services budget as follows:

Expense

3.0 full-time equivalents (6 months)	\$ 207,658
Purchase of services budget	<u>\$157,515</u>
Total Expense	\$365,175

Revenue

State Fiscal Year 2024 Adult Protection One-Time Grant	<u>\$365,175</u>
Total Revenue	\$365,175

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

4.4 Authorization To Execute 2024 Federal Transit Administration Annual List Of Certifications And Assurances

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-305 (July 18, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager to execute a Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Assistance grant with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to improve access to transportation service and public transportation alternatives to seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals who are system involved and transportation dependent; and

WHEREAS, before the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) may award federal assistance for public transportation in the form of a federal grant, cooperative agreement, loan, line of credit, or loan guarantee, it requires applicants to complete certain pre-award certifications and assurances ("Certifications and Assurances"), including affirmations from the applicant's attorney that the applicant has the authority under the applicable law to make and comply with those Certifications and Assurances, and that in the attorney's opinion, the County authorized representative has legally made those Certifications and Assurances which are legal and binding obligations on the County; and

WHEREAS, the Certifications and Assurances are required annually, encompassing a wide range of funding programs overseen by the FTA; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Division Contracts Unit staff has reviewed and determined that Dakota County is capable of following applicable federal guidance, and complying with the Certifications and Assurances as applicable to

each application an authorized County representative makes to the FTA in the federal fiscal year, as set forth in the 2024 FTA Certifications and Assurances; and

WHEREAS, additionally, as required by the FTA, the County Attorney's Office, as legal counsel to the County, will be required to affirm to the FTA that the County has the authority under state or local law to make and comply with those Certifications and Assurances, and that the County can legally make those Certifications and Assurances, which once signed will constitute legal and binding obligations on the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the 2024 Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements in connection with federally funded projects and grants, upon the advice of the Community Services Director, subject to affirmation by the County Attorney's Office as to Dakota County's legal authority to make and comply with those Certifications and Assurances.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

4.5 Authorization To Execute Contract For Transportation Services With Uber Technologies, Inc.

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, at the September 19, 2023, Community Services Committee of the Whole, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners recommended continuing the Jail Transportation Program funded by Community Services BIP funds; and WHEREAS, executing a contract with Uber Technologies, Inc. will allow Dakota County additional options when booking rideshare services for the Jail Transportation Program as well as for transportation for other Dakota County Community Service Programs; and

WHEREAS, contracting with Uber Technologies, Inc. will provide additional flexibility, additional driver availability, lower ride costs and diversity in the organizations providing transportation services for county clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Uber Technologies, Inc., for the period upon date of execution and shall continue for a period of twelve months, with automatic renewals thereafter for additional twelve-month terms unless notice is provided 60 days prior to the end of the current term, with an annual not to exceed amount of \$120,000, 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, consistent with County contracting policies, 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 4/23/2024.

4.6 Authorization To Execute Contracts With Guild For Rental Assistance And Housing Stability Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County receives a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing (CoC RRH) grant; and

WHEREAS, HUD CoC RRH funds are secured annually through a competitive grant process that runs from June 1 through May 31 of each year and the grant serves 48 family households at a time with rental assistance and services; and

WHEREAS, the total grant amount is \$659,500 for the period, June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, and must be spent within each grant period; and

WHEREAS, case management funds are provided using Dakota County levy funds or eligible housing aid grant funds in the amount of \$489,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-217 (May 23, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Guild for CoC RRH services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract for continuum of care rapid re-housing services with Guild for a contract amount not to exceed \$659,500 for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing funds, 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 execute a contract for housing stability services with Guild for a contract amount not to exceed \$489,000 for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 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 contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to

alter the contracts amount and the contracts 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 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.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

4.7 Authorization To Accept Grant Funds For Family First Prevention Services Act With Minnesota Department Of Human Services, Add 1.0 Grant-Funded, Full-Time Equivalent, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, in January 2024, a new allocation will begin to support efforts related to the development and/or expansion of prevention services related to the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA); and

WHEREAS, funds will be allocated to counties and federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota to provide prevention and early intervention services under Minn. Stat. § 260.014; and

WHEREAS, the FFPSA allocation can be used to support local welfare agency activities to develop and implement prevention services identified in, or related to and within, Minnesota's Title IV-E Prevention Services five-year plan; and

WHEREAS, funds are intended for children who remain with their families, or upon return to their family, including:

- Prevention of entry into the child welfare system
- Prevention of further involvement with the child welfare system
- Family preservation (supports necessary to maintain children within their families)

; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 10 percent of the allocation must be used to provide services and supports directly to families (may include relatives or kin that the child may be residing with but does not include foster placements) and funds received must not be used to supplant current county expenditures for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, funds are allocated on a calendar-year basis beginning in calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, this is not one-time funding, it is anticipated this will be funded for

subsequent years, however, this is the largest allocation and will stabilize in 2025 going forward, but Dakota County does not yet know those allocations; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is allocated \$213,796 beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Social Services plans to utilize this funding to add 1.0 grant-funded full-time equivalent Supervisor position to support this work, FTE is limited to continuing availability of grant funding.

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 Human Services for the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) grant in the amount of \$213,796 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, 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 adopted 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 position; and

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

Expense

Salary (May - Dec.)	\$ 85,831
Program Expense	<u>\$127,965</u>
Total Expense	\$213,796

Revenue

FFPSA grant funds	<u>\$213,796</u>
Total Revenue	\$213,796

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

- 4.8** Authorization To Accept Grant Funds For Parent Support Outreach Program With Minnesota Department Of Human Services And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) offers voluntary services to families with young children who have been reported to child protection due to family concerns that fall short of the criteria mandated investigation; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary services through PSOP have been shown to provide connection to needed community supports, including services for substance abuse and basic needs that could reduce future maltreatment reports; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has allocated additional funding for Dakota County PSOP services in the amount of \$153,123 from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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 Human Services for the Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) grant in the amount of \$153,123 for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, 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 adopted budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

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

Expense

Parenting education and basic needs \$153,123

Total Expense **\$153,123**

Revenue

PSOP additional grant funds \$153,123

Total Revenue **\$153,123**

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

4.9 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement For Social Services Access To Minnesota Department Of Public Safety Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota through its Department of Public Safety's 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 Communication Network (CJDN) for the purpose of enabling agencies across the State of Minnesota to access such systems and tools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-436 (March 26, 2019), the Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the State of Minnesota that allowed Social Services to utilize the CJDN from the date of execution for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the JPA would provide Social Services with access to such systems and tools as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 299C.46; and

WHEREAS, the JPA further provides the Social Services Department with 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 \$600.

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 State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, for access to the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network from the date of execution for a period of five years in an annual amount not to exceed \$600, 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 April, 16, 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 4/23/2024.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Authorization To Allocate Local Affordable Housing Aid To Emergency Rental Assistance Services And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

From Social Services, Evan Henspeter, Director, and Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. The Committee recommended staff return at the conclusion of the legislative session to discuss additional needs in 2024.

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners reconvened the Housing Leadership Workgroup to assess outcomes of the County's Housing Business Plan and make recommendations for future housing initiatives and investments in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the workgroup was made up of faith leaders, law enforcement, people who have experienced homelessness, nonprofit partners, Dakota County Commissioners, and staff from the Community Services and the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) and the County; and

WHEREAS, the workgroup recommended investments in three main areas to support the next phase of the Dakota County Housing Business Plan: shelter, homelessness prevention, and affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, staff presented these recommendations to the County Board on October 19, 2021, and returned to the County Board throughout 2022 and 2023 with additional information and further defined recommendations in each of the three investment areas; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 County Budget included initial investments utilizing the new State and Local Affordable Housing Aid, including Emergency Rental Assistance, ApartmentConnect, Prevention and Navigation Services, Family Voucher Program and Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Services; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2024, staff proposed an expanded set of Affordable Housing Aid investments during a Board Workshop and the County Board requested additional eligible activities that can be launched quickly be brought back for formal consideration; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for Emergency Rental Assistance funding to support the Housing Clinic at Eviction Court and Social Services' Prevention Services and Navigation Team for prevention assistance prior to an eviction filing; and

WHEREAS, Social Services estimates \$6,000,000 of total need for emergency rental assistance and is requesting an additional \$1,500,000 for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Community Service Committee of the Whole recommended 2024 Social Services budget to be amended to add \$428,000 of Affordable Housing Aid funds and expenditures and that staff return to the Committee at conclusion of the legislative session to discuss additional needs in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to allocate \$428,000 additional Affordable Housing Aid funds toward emergency rental assistance services; and

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

Expense

Emergency Rental Assistance \$428,000

Total Expense **\$428,000**

Revenue

Affordable Housing Aid \$428,000

Total Revenue **\$428,000**

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

Ayes: 6

5.2 Update On Homeward Path Project Planning

From Social Services, Evan Henspeter, Director, and Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. The Committee agreed with the community engagement process; and, suggested staff consider reducing the number of members on the Site Review Panel and recalibrating the timeline. Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Update On Family Resource Center/One-Stop Shop Planning And Authorization To Submit Application For Sauer Family Foundation Grant, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: William Droste

Nadir Abdi, Employment & Economic Assistance Director; Evan Henspeter, Social Services Director; and Florence Wanda from the Minnesota African Women’s Coalition presented on this item and stood for questions.

WHEREAS, county staff and community partners have been exploring the potential to develop Family Resource Centers/One-Stop Shops in Dakota County and these centers would offer a range of services and supports to meet children’s and family’s needs in community settings, with the goal of promoting family well-being and preventing involvement in child protection and other crisis services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-348 (August 1, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized acceptance of a Sauer Family Foundation grant in an amount of \$94,697 to assess community needs and identify essential services to include in a Family Resource Center/One-Stop Shop model in

Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, this grant facilitated the gathering of valuable insights, including lessons learned from pop-up resource events hosted by partner organizations and the results of this learning were presented to the board on February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, community partners and county staff have collaborated to develop a proposed structure for Family Resource Centers/One-Stop Shops in Dakota County and under the proposed structure, community partners would collaborate to provide a comprehensive array of services to address the diverse needs of children and families within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Sauer Family Foundation has announced an implementation grant with applications due on May 17, 2024, which could support the county and community partners in implementing Family Resource Centers in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, county staff are requesting Board authorization to apply for this grant in the amount up to \$525,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the county plans to serve as the fiscal agent of this grant and community partners will lead the implementation of Family Resource Centers/One-Stop Shops in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to submit an application to the Sauer Family Foundation and if awarded, accept funds in an amount up to \$525,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, and execute the grant agreement, 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 2024 Social Services budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Social Services	<u>\$525,000</u>
Total Expense	\$525,000

Revenue

Sauer Family Foundation Grant	<u>\$525,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$525,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 4/23/2024.

Ayes: 6

5.4 Child Support Program Update

Linda Bixby, Deputy Director, Employment and Economic Assistance, 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.

6. Community Services Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided. She informed the Commissioners that the link to the Family Dependency Treatment Court testimonial video will be included in the County Manager's update later in the week. Director Fischbach confirmed that the visit to the Scott County Family Resource Center Tour that Social Services Director, Evan Henspeter, mentioned during the presentation of item 5.3 is June 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Director Fischbach referenced the Board Planning Calendar, pointing out that the rescheduled Truancy update will be presented at the June Community Services Committee meeting. She also noted that following the recent Board Workshop on housing, staff are finalizing a five year plan that was to be presented in May, but they will hold that item until after the Minnesota legislative session ends.

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. The topic of large caseloads that Financial Workers are facing was brought forward.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division