



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Conference Room L139, Western
Service Center, Apple Valley

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 Matt Smith, County Manager; Jen Wolf, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson.

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Commissioner Laurie Halverson asked if there as anyone in the audience who wished to address the Committee. No one came forward.

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: Mary Hamann-Roland

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

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On January 10, 2023

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

4.2 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With School Districts For Interagency Early Intervention Services

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services and Dakota County Public Health are partners with the Dakota County School Districts in providing interagency early intervention services to young children at risk for developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education allocates federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEAS) Part C funding to each school district based on the number of children identified for early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, Independent School Districts 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, 200, and Special School District 6 have indicated that each intends to continue purchasing the services provided by Dakota County Social Services and Dakota County Public Health for early identification of developmental delays via Part C Mini Grants, services, and interagency service coordination; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive a total of \$100,898.65 from the noted districts for services provided during State Fiscal Year 2023 (Independent School District 191: \$12,486.46; Independent School District 192: \$10,875.31; Independent School District 194: \$14,903.20; Independent School District 195: \$402.79; Independent School District 196: \$30,813.37; Independent School District 197: \$13,090.64; Independent School District 199: \$4,833.45; Independent School District 200: \$7,652.99; Special School District 6: \$5,840.44); and

WHEREAS, of this total amount, \$59,994.00 will be allocated to Public Health and \$40,904.65 to Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Public Health provides home visits supported through the IDEAS Part C allocation through their Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program, of which this allocation supplements the MCH program grant funds and revenue generated from health insurance and Medical Assistance for home visiting.

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 each participating school district in Dakota County for health and human services related to interagency early intervention system services, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 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 February 21, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, as follows:

- Independent School District 191 - \$12,486.46
- Independent School District 192 - \$10,875.31
- Independent School District 194 - \$14,903.20
- Independent School District 195 - \$ 402.79
- Independent School District 196 - \$30,813.37
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- Special School District 6 - \$ 5,840.44

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that although the specific amounts due from each district are determined based on final state allocations to the schools, a total of \$100,898.65 from the noted districts is anticipated.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 2/28/2023.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Development Of Family Resource Centers In Dakota County

Nadir Abdi, Director of Employment and Economic Assistance, and Evan Henspeter, Director of Social Services, presented on this item and stood for questions. Staff were given direction to continue with the program design phase and return to the Committee before applying for any grants, and include heat maps and a budget analysis.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Opioid Settlement And Board Workshop Preparation

Gina Adasiewicz, Director, and Coral Ripplinger, Deputy Director, both from Public Health, presented on this item and stood for questions. The Committee gave direction to move forward with posting for the Coordinator position. The Committee was in favor of additional community meetings, including representation from the county schools, to take place prior to the March 28 Board Workshop and suggested sharing the Johns Hopkins Guiding Principles with the cities. In preparation for the March 28 Board Workshop, the Committee would like recommendations as to how to get the greatest success for the use of the funds.

Informational only; no action requested.

5.3 Workforce Mobility Program Overview

Mark Jacobs, Deputy Director, Employment & Economic Assistance, was joined by Michael Berndt, President, and Bob Trewartha, Director of Workforce Training & Continuing Education, both from Dakota County Technical College & Inver Hills Community College presented on this item and stood for questions.

The Committee requested a budget report. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee. Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Directors Report

Marti Fischbach, Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided to them. She mentioned that there is an update on the Community Engagement meetings held to discuss the potential of a homeless shelter and staff will be at the April Community Services Committee of the Whole to present a full report.

Ms. Fischbach then turned it over to Matt Smith, County Manager. Mr. Smith informed the Committee of a new federal Department of Justice requirement that non-profit applicants for certain grants that would serve county residents are to include a waiver signed by the Board Chair or administrator attesting that the county is aware of the grant application and that it would serve county residents, if awarded. The waiver does not indicate endorsement of the grant application, or make the County a co-applicant or incur any financial liability. An application for waiver had recently been applied for by a local nonprofit in connection with their grant application. After review by the Dakota County Attorney's Office and Community Services staff, and in consultation with the Board Chair, Mr. Smith, as County Manager, signed the waiver request. A similar review process will be followed for any future waiver requests submitted in connection with applications for Department of Justice grants.

7. Adjournment

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Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division