



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 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, Commissioner Holberg and 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: 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: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On April 16, 2024

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

4.2 Authorization To Execute Contract With Life Development Resources For
Juvenile Service Center And Campus Therapeutic Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Life Development Resources (LDR) has provided mental health services in the South Metro since 1987 and has maintained service agreements with Dakota County since 2013; and

WHEREAS, LDR's mission is to go to the margins until the margins disappear so no one suffers alone; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was issued on February 15, 2024, and LDR was selected after the evaluation process was completed; and

WHEREAS, LDR will be providing therapeutic services to address the complex mental health needs of youth in the Juvenile Service Center (JSC) and New Chance Program; and

WHEREAS, LDR will provide Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) services, both individual and group, and ensure that services received by the target population through this contract are delivered in a manner that is supported by research and adapted to a cultural context within the scope of the model; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting authorization to execute a contract with LDR in a not to exceed amount of \$282,000 beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract for the Juvenile Service Center and campus therapeutic services with Life Development Resources in a not to exceed amount of \$282,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, 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 5/21/2024.

4.3 Ratification Of Grant Application For Minnesota Youth Program And Unified Local Youth Plan, And Authorization To Accept Minnesota Youth Program Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, And Execute Related Contract

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires local areas to provide services to low-income, at-risk youth, to promote educational and employment success; and

WHEREAS, this requirement is fulfilled by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) through grants to local governments for the WIOA Youth Program and Minnesota Youth Program (MYP); and

WHEREAS, the MYP grant is Dakota County specific and funding is based on a DEED formula; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was issued on November 30, 2020, with one respondent; and

WHEREAS, a committee comprised of Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) Youth Committee members and County staff reviewed the proposal and recommended the current provider under contract with Dakota County, Tree Trust, continue to provide services; and

WHEREAS, a new solicitation for this service will be issued in 2025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-304 (July 18, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Tree Trust to provide MYP services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$297,540.00; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2023, Dakota County Workforce Services received official notice of funding levels for the MYP state fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funding amount for MYP services will remain at \$352,822; and

WHEREAS, of the full amount allocated, Dakota County will retain \$20,000 for potential projects and ten percent for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the WDB approved the Unified Local Youth Plan and recommended acceptance of funding and execution of a contract with Tree Trust in the amount of \$297,540 for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the grant application submitted to the Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Unified Local Youth Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$352,822 for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and execute the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Assistance, 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 execute a contract with Tree Trust to provide Minnesota Youth Program services for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$297,540; 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 5/21/2024.

4.4 Authorization To Adopt Annual Work Plan For Board Appointed Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Opioid Response Committee (ORAC) was established as a Board appointed committee in October 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County ORAC supports the development of a comprehensive and effective countywide response to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County ORAC provides recommendations to the County Board on the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for external projects and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County policy 1015 requires that Board appointed committees must consult at least annually with the County Board Committees of the Whole to seek direction on the topics on which they will advise the County Board (annual work plan) to ensure that the committee's work complements the County mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County policy 1015 requires periodic committee reports be scheduled on the appropriate County Board committee or board meeting agendas; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Public Health surveyed community members and partners on opioid response strategies to address the current crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County ORAC has developed a one-year work plan that complements the County mission and goals and focuses on ORAC's mission of advising the County Board on the use of community designated opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, upon Board approval of the 2024 work plan, ORAC will work towards accomplishing its goals as outlined in the work plan and keep the Board informed of its progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the adoption of the 2024 annual work plan for the Dakota County Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/21/2024.

4.5 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With School Districts And Charter Schools To Expend Opioid Settlement Funds And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2023, two legislative changes went into effect mandating public and charter schools to have two doses of nasal naloxone available on-site under Minn. Stat. §121A.224 and §151.37 Subd. 12; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, Dakota County held a board workshop to discuss next steps related to the county's opioid response; and

WHEREAS, in that meeting the Public Health Department requested the consideration of a combined total up to \$80,000 for schools with buildings in the county to apply for funding to support eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), including, but not limited to, storage for mandated nasal naloxone, training, and support for community education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, funding was offered to all school districts and charter schools with school buildings in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOA, the process for drawing from special revenue funds is 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, staff requests authorization to allocate up to \$80,000 of opioid settlement funds from the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget for reimbursement of eligible activities in accordance with the MOA; and

WHEREAS, staff requests an expenditure up to \$500 per school building located in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to enter into joint powers agreements (JPA) with the listed Independent School Districts (ISD) and Special School District that have submitted their proposed strategies for terms effective upon execution of each JPA through July 1, 2025, for eligible activities in accordance with the MOA:

ISD 192 (Farmington)

- **Proposed Strategy:** Naloxone storage/emergency kit
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.9 and G.10, and H.1
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$5,000

ISD 194 (Lakeville)

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Replenishment of expired Narcan
 - Expansion of site availability within the district
 - Narcan storage boxes
 - Resources for staff, students and parents: pamphlets, newsletter info for parents, training opportunities
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.8, G.9, G.10, H.1, H.3, H.6, H.7
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$11,500

ISD 199 (Inver Grove Heights)

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - 1.) **Opioid Awareness Activities (15%)**
 - Secondary: Fentanyl Awareness campaign for students and

- staff.
- Health Curriculum supplements re: opioids and prescription drugs
- Elementary: Fentanyl Awareness campaign for staff (including Spartan Kids Care and Early Learning)
- 2.) Opioid Response Training (75%)**
 - Secondary: Train a core group of teachers and administrators in recognition and response for opioid emergencies.
 - Elementary/PreK: Train administrators, counselors and nursing staff in recognition and response for opioid emergencies.
- 3.) Equipment for training (10%)**
 - Naloxone training devices
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.8, G.9, G.10, H.1, H.3, H.4, H.6, H.7
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$4,000

ISD 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan)

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - 1.) PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS - Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - *Support DARE-Drug Abuse Resistance Education, a drug abuse prevention education program intended to give children skills to resist peer pressure to use tobacco, drugs, and alcohol for grades 5 and 6.*
 - *Support "Character Strong" - a Research-backed curricula and training that increase students' belonging, well-being, and engagement for grades K-4.*
 - *Support a Districtwide communication campaign.*
 - 2.) CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE)
 - *Provide Chemical Health Counseling by a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor at the middle and high school levels for students with chemical use violations or upon request.*
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.1, G.8, G.11, C.12
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$9,500

Special School District 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools)

- **Proposed Strategy:** Purchase naloxone
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Item H.1
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$5,000

ISD 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan)

- **Proposed Strategy:** Purchase a comprehensive emergency case

(wall unit) to hold AED, naloxone and Stop the Bleed kit (and future emergency supplies) in each building in the District.

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items H.1 and H.4
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$23,500

; and

WHEREAS, as the remainder of the school districts and charter schools with a school building in Dakota County provide their proposed strategies, staff will return to request authorization to execute JPAs with those districts and charter schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an allocation of up to \$80,000 of opioid settlement funds from the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget for reimbursement to school districts and charter schools with a building in Dakota County for eligible activities in accordance with the MOA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to enter into joint powers agreements (JPA) with the listed Independent School Districts (ISD) and Special School District, for the expenditure of up to \$500 per school building to support the listed eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) funded through the Opioid Settlement Funds, with terms beginning upon date of execution of each JPA through July 1, 2025, with total not to exceed amounts as follows, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

ISD 192 (Farmington)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.9 and G.10, and H.1
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$5,000

ISD 194 (Lakeville)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.8, G.9, G.10, H.1, H.3, H.6, H.7
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$11,500

ISD 199 (Inver Grove Heights)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.8, G.9, G.10, H.1, H.3, H.4, H.6, H.7
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$4,000

ISD 197 (West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items G.1, G.8, G.11, C.12
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$9,500

Special District 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Item H.1
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$5,000

ISD 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan)

- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items H.1 and H.4
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$23,500

; and

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

Expense

Opioid Settlement-Allocation	(\$80,000)
Opioid Program-Schools	<u>\$80,000</u>
Total Expense	\$0

Revenue

Opioid Settlement-Allocation	(\$80,000)
Opioid Settlement-Program	<u>\$80,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$0

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/21/2024.

4.6 Authorization To Accept Local Homeless Prevention Aid Appropriation From Minnesota Department Of Revenue And Execute Contract Amendments For Prevention Activities

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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

WHEREAS, funding, which is designated for five years, is distributed to counties, annually, as an allocation from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDR), with the first allocation on July 20, 2023, in which Dakota County received up to \$886,265; and

WHEREAS, after a community planning process to identify priorities, which included individuals from the Affordable Housing Coalition, the Prevention workgroup, school district staff, and school liaisons who work with homeless youth, the following services were identified to be included in Dakota County's

plan for LHPA: 1) Provide services and flexible financial assistance to connect families with the social services necessary to maintain the families' stability in their homes with annual funding designated at \$504,837 and 2) Outreach and case management services in schools in Dakota County with annual funding designated at \$265,000; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for subcontractors was issued on February 7, 2023, in combination with an RFP for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program as required by county procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, four responses were received for LHPA of which two agencies, 360 Communities and The Link, were selected to provide services under LHPA; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-279 (June 20, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to accept the LHPA funds in the amount up to \$886,265 from MDR and execute contracts with The Link and 360 Communities for LHPA services, for a combined total not to exceed \$769,837; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-163 (March 26, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to accept additional LHPA funds in the amount of \$144,163 from MDR and execute a contract amendment with 360 Communities to add \$144,163 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$649,000 for the term, upon execution through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff learned that MDR is issuing additional allocations, sharing statewide allocations by county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept additional Local Homeless Prevention Aid funds in the amount up to \$1,500,000 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and accept annual allocations for the remaining three years of the appropriation period through June 30, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to amend contracts with 360 Communities and The Link for a combined total not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and amend the contracts for a combined total not to exceed the annual allocation of Local Homeless Prevention Aid funds for the appropriation period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; 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 extended

amendment 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 5/21/2024.

4.7 Authorization To Submit Application For Minnesota Department Of Human Services Grant For Development Of Family Resource Center/One-Stop Shop, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, county staff and community partners have been exploring the potential to develop Family Resource Centers/One-Stop Shops in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, these centers would offer a range of services and supports to meet children's and families' 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. 24-212 (April 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of a grant application to the Sauer Family Foundation for an implementation grant to support the county and community partners in implementing Family Resource Centers in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) recently posted a request for proposals for grants to fund Community Resource Centers and Kinship Navigator Programs, models that are closely aligned with the Dakota County One Stop Shop concept; and

WHEREAS, this DHS grant opportunity will allow the county to apply for elements not funded by the Sauer grant and to ensure there are have multiple funding sources supporting this work; and

WHEREAS, the DHS grant funding is for up to three years with potential expansion to five years; and

WHEREAS, the grant application due date is May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to submit an application to DHS for the Development of Family Resource Center/One-Stop Shop in the amount up

to \$1,092,000 for the period of August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, accept grant funds, execute the grant agreement and amend the 2024 Social Services Budget; 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 a grant proposal to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for the development of the Family Resource Center/One-Stop Shop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded the grant, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,092,000 and execute the grant agreement for the period of August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, 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, The 2024 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
Program Expense	<u>\$1,092,000</u>
Total Expense	\$1,092,000

Revenue	
DHS Grant Funds	<u>\$1,092,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,092,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/21/2024.

4.8 Authorization To Execute Contract With Alia For Consultation Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Alia is a Minnesota-based national nonprofit founded in 2015 on a mission for every child to experience an uninterrupted sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, through short- and long-term engagements, Alia guides and supports courageous leaders on the forefront of equitable systems change in child welfare and adjacent systems; and

WHEREAS, Alia carefully gathers existing and promising new approaches to keep families safely together; and

WHEREAS, Alia will be providing consultation services for Workforce Resilience and Belonging implementation and a six-month community engagement process; and

WHEREAS, our current child protection system in Minnesota has caused racial disparities due to identified systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, children of color in Minnesota are five times more likely to be placed in out-of-home placement than white children; and

WHEREAS, Alia has proven outcomes by eliminating racial disparities in child protection and has reduced out-of-home placement costs by seventy percent; and

WHEREAS, Alia has transformed multiple child protection systems and reduced or eliminated these racial disparities in several states including Wisconsin and California as well as Ramsey County in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting authorization to execute a contract with Alia in an amount not to exceed \$298,000 from the date of contract execution through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Budget Incentive Program (BIP) funds have been approved for \$298,000 to fund the contract with Alia; and

WHEREAS, with a track record of exceptional outcomes, Alia was selected as a sole source based on being the only organization that addresses reducing racial disparities in out of home placement by engaging communities of color in Dakota County and through employee training with a focus on employee wellbeing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract for consultation services with Alia in an amount not to exceed \$298,000 for the period from the date of contract execution through December 31, 2026, 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 5/21/2024.

4.9 Distribution Of Funds For 2024 Memorial Day Activities

Information only; no action requested.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Proclamation Of May As Mental Health Month

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

The following staff and guests presented on this item and stood for questions: Alex Groten, Supervisor, Public Health; Natalie Vasilj, Coordinator, Public Health; Mark Oster, Supervisor, Social Services; Mary Lillo, Children's Mental Health Local Advisory Council; Dave Zettervall, Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council; Julie Allen, Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council.

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness:

- One in five United States (U.S.) adults experience mental illness
- One in twenty U.S. adults experience serious mental illness
- 17 percent of youth, ages 6-17 years, experience a mental health disorder
- 50 percent of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75 percent by age 24

; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an important determinant of overall health and well-being for individuals; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, along with compounding community trauma, continues to have a significant impact on adult and child mental health, particularly for people with pre-existing mental illness and Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and for communities of color; and

WHEREAS, many residents are struggling with the long-term impacts of illness,

loss of loved ones, social isolation, job loss, changes in routines, racism or other forms of discrimination, and community trauma, resulting in many who are experiencing unprecedented levels of fear, anxiety, and stress; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has maintained a focus on connecting people to community mental health and SUD services, promoting mental health messaging and initiatives, addressing service needs and gaps through community partnerships, training, and engaging the perspective and voice of people with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, this includes providing community members with practical tools they can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective strategy to reduce the impact of mental health conditions and, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has a network of mental health services and initiatives that provide mental health support and promote mental health awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff, in partnership with other organizations, are committed to building public awareness and addressing stigma as important steps in supporting people to access treatment and support; and

WHEREAS, promoting mental health and awareness of resources and support is especially important given the impacts of the pandemic and community trauma on mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Month in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2024 as Mental Health Month in Dakota County and supports efforts to promote mental health awareness, training, education, and access to information, services, and supports to serve the mental health needs of the citizens of Dakota County.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/21/2024.

Ayes: 7

5.2 Update On University Of Minnesota Extension Programming In Dakota County

The following staff presented on this item and stood for questions: Kirsten Pederson, Dakota County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator; Kris Vatter, Dakota County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator; Sam

Talbot, Dakota County Natural Resources Extension Educator. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Committee members.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Update On Truancy Reduction Program

The following staff presented on this item and stood for questions: Leslie Yunker, Supervisor Social Services - Children and Family Services and Jennifer Jackson, Assistant County Attorney. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Committee members.

Information only; no action requested.

5.4 Update On Youth Interventions Working Group

The following staff presented on this item and stood for questions: Suwana Kirkland, Director, Community Corrections and Matthew Bauer, Deputy Director, Community Corrections. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Committee members.

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.

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 forward.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

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 3:07 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Commissioner Slavik, Chairperson Halverson, Commissioner Droste,
Commissioner Workman and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Excused: 2

Commissioner Atkins and Commissioner Holberg

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division

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