



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

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

Excused: Commissioner Atkins

Commissioner Joe Atkins was present via Zoom but was not part of the voting quorum.

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 1:00 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: William Droste

Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson, announced that staff requested withdrawing the following item from the Consent agenda stating it may be brought back before the Board at a later meeting:

5.1 Public Health - Authorization To Execute Contracts Using Opioid Settlement Funds

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

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4. Consent Agenda

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

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On October 22, 2024

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.2 Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement With Legal Assistance Of Dakota County, Ltd.

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Legal Assistance of Dakota County, Ltd., (LADC) is a non-profit agency that provides legal assistance services using both staff and volunteer attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the target population for these services is income-eligible adult residents of Dakota County who are unable to afford representation in non-fee generating civil legal issues; and

WHEREAS, the services support Dakota County residents with appropriate use of the legal system to maintain or improve stability in their lives; and

WHEREAS, legal services provided focus on family law problems, including, but not limited to, divorce, domestic abuse, establishing or defending child custody or visitation rights, and assistance with child support matters; and

WHEREAS, while the County is not mandated to provide or fund these services, funding of these services helps prevent the need for more costly services and improves access to existing services; and

WHEREAS, appropriating County funds to a non-profit to provide legal assistance to persons who are unable to afford private legal counsel is

authorized by Minn. Stat. § 375.167.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement with Legal Assistance of Dakota County, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$70,995 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, 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 grant agreement shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the grant agreement 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 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.3 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements For Sentence To Service Program

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Sentence to Service (STS) program is for lower-risk adults receiving probation services as an alternative to being ordered to jail; and

WHEREAS, STS is used as a way for clients to pay back the community for the crimes they have committed and it is also used as a response to their non-compliance to court-ordered conditions; and

WHEREAS, joint powers agreements (JPA)s are in place with public entities that purchase work crew services through the STS program for non-violent adults receiving probation services as an alternative to being ordered to jail; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting that JPAs are executed for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a cost of \$481.00 per day for five or

more workers per crew, and \$240.50 per day for work crew with less than five workers, with the following public entities:

- City of Apple Valley in an amount not to exceed \$27,417
- City of Burnsville in an amount not to exceed \$9,620
- City of Farmington in an amount not to exceed \$2,405
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute joint powers agreements as presented for the purchase of guaranteed Sentence to Service work crew days at a rate of \$481.00 per day for five or more workers per crew, and \$240.50 per day for work crews with less than five workers, for the following public entities:

- City of Apple Valley in an amount not to exceed \$27,417
- City of Burnsville in an amount not to exceed \$9,620
- City of Farmington in an amount not to exceed \$2,405
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,

for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, or until completion by the parties of their respective obligations under the joint powers agreements, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions of the joint powers agreements, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on November 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 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.4 Authorization To Execute Contract With Avivo For Minnesota Family Investment Program Employment Services

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the County is required to administer the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) program for eligible Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, MFIP is funded through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds and provides public financial assistance, supportive services, and employment and training services with the goal of helping clients achieve sustainable self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) provides a recommendation to the County Board on the MFIP program to better coordinate all training and employment services, including Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and TANF programs; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) of MFIP employment services was issued on September 22, 2023, and two proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, upon careful review of the proposals, the WDB Evaluation Committee members selected the proposal for Avivo, and the WDB approved the committee's recommendation at its November 17, 2023, meeting; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-571 (December 19, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Avivo for MFIP services in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,244 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Avivo for Minnesota Family Investment Program employment services in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 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 due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1
Commissioner Atkins

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

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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 2008, the state of Minnesota legislature passed a health reform law that created a comprehensive and coordinated health prevention strategy that spans across all of Minnesota's 87 counties and 10 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, a key component of this reform was to create a Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), which invests in preventing chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, SHIP is overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is administered by local public and tribal health partners and 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

WHEREAS, 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 Hastings will support the development of three lactation space(s) for 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 joint powers agreement (JPA) for wellness initiatives via the SHIP grant with the City of Hastings for Worksite Wellness Lactation Support; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a JPA with the City of Hastings for Worksite Wellness, for the term upon date of execution of the JPA through October 31, 2025, with a total agreement amount not to exceed \$6,000.

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 Hastings 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 \$6,000, 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 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.6 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Independent School District 196 For Facility Use For Parent Coach Training, And Registration And Advertisement Support

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, substance use prevention requires education at an early age and Dakota County Public Health is committed to supporting school districts and

parents in the common mission of disrupting misinformation that can lead young people to engage with illegal substances; and

WHEREAS, parents are often a first line of defense when it comes to recognizing warning signs and ensuring healthy communication with young people and this training is part of a larger, more comprehensive, goal of parent engagement that creates a strong ecosystem of support around students and encourages healthful practices; and

WHEREAS, Independent School District 196 (ISD 196) will create the registration for this event and will help advertise the opportunity to the community, inviting all Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the trainer will speak at Eastview High School in 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with ISD 196 for the use of facility space for training and support registration and advertisement.

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 Independent School District 196 for the use of facility space for training and support with registration and advertisement for Parent Coach training.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.7 Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Human Services For Workforce Shortage Efforts, Execute Grant Agreement, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County created a time limited Workforce and Provider Shortage workgroup from November 2022 through June 2023 to work collaboratively with stakeholders to address the shortage of workers impacting people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the workgroup was led by Commissioner Laurie Halverson and Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg along with Social Services Leadership and consisted of people with disabilities, their family members, state agency leaders

and private sector leaders; and

WHEREAS, the workgroup focused on learning about the impact the workforce shortage is having on people with disabilities through listening sessions, learning about what others are doing at a local and statewide level to address the workforce shortage, and brainstorming potential solutions that Dakota County could implement; and

WHEREAS, as part of this work thirteen recommendations were identified; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's 2024 legislative priorities included a request for a direct appropriation to support the implementation of these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 legislative session the legislature approved MN Law Chapter 125; Article 8; Sec.2; Subd 14; paragraph b that awards Dakota County with the following: \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for a grant to Dakota County for innovative solutions to the disability services workforce shortage; and

WHEREAS, up to \$250,000 of this amount must be used to develop and test an online application for matching requests for services from people with disabilities to available staff and up to \$250,000 of this amount must be used to develop a communities-for-all program that engages businesses, community organizations, neighbors, and informal support systems to promote community inclusion of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, staff anticipates this grant will be executed in 2024 and the funds will be immediately available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the Minnesota Department of Human Services grant funds for a total amount up to \$500,000 for Workforce Shortage efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement effective from date of execution 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, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2024 Social Services Budget as follows:

Expense

Program Expense \$500,000

Total Expense \$500,000

Revenue

Workforce Shortage Grant \$500,000

Total Revenue \$500,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.8 Authorization To Execute Contract With Cantata Health Solutions LLC For Electronic Health Records System

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services solicited proposals on January 8, 2024, from qualified vendors for an Electronic Health Record (EHR) System Solution; and

WHEREAS, the software solution is required to improve quality, safety, efficiency, care coordination for Social Service's mobile crisis response, crisis stabilization, mental health and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, this software will create efficiencies in operations for administrative functions, care documentation and coordination, fiscal and data tracking options as well as technology solutions for integrated health, exporting of data, outcome measurement and audit tools; and

WHEREAS, the software will also allow trained staff to customize existing and develop reports leveraging the data within the system; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County received a total of eight proposals, of which three were requested to provide online demonstrations of the software; and

WHEREAS, a panel consisting of Dakota County staff members viewed and scored the demonstrations using evaluation criteria developed by the panel as

well as the Information Technology (IT) Department; and

WHEREAS, IT determined that the cloud software, Arize EHR Enterprise, Software as a Service (SaaS) by Cantata Health Solutions LLC is best suited to meet Social Service's needs; and

WHEREAS, Cantata Health Solutions LLC shall furnish the necessary software, equipment, and resources for project management, configuration, installation, software modification, system integrations, documentation, training, and software maintenance and support to provide a complete solution for Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Cantata Health Solutions LLC effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$365,000; 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 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 5

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

Nay: 1

Commissioner Holberg

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.9 Authorization To Execute Contract With Nexus Family Healing

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Children and Families section in the Social Services department and the Juvenile Corrections section in the Community Corrections department require a vendor to provide services at a Dakota County owned facility, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, for youth who are placed by county child protection, community corrections, children's mental health, crisis response

teams, local law enforcement, or other applicable agencies; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245A and Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0710 state the requirement to provide services and the framework by which to provide those services for youth aged 12 to 17; and

WHEREAS, Aspen House 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 has provided these youth shelter support services for Dakota County since Aspen House opened in October 2022; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on July 23, 2024, for youth shelter support services and Nexus Family Healing was selected; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a contract with Nexus Family Healing for youth shelter support services in a not to exceed amount of \$1,900,000, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Nexus Family Healing for emergency shelter with support services for youth funded in a not to exceed amount of up to \$1,900,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 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 amount(s) due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

4.10 Ratification Of Grant Application For Children's Mental Health Respite Care Services And Authorization To Accept Grant Funds And Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, families of children receiving Rule 79 children mental health (CMH) county case management services are caring for children with a severe emotional disturbance (SED) who have special needs and often have challenging behaviors; and

WHEREAS, respite care services are a frequently requested support service for these families and research has indicated that families who received respite care have fewer out-of-home placements and significantly better service plan outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the grant continues to be used to develop and/or expand planned and emergency respite care services for families and their children receiving Rule 79 children's mental health county case management services; and

WHEREAS, respite care can be provided by a social service or mental health agency, day care provider, family, friends or neighbors, foster care, or other, including inclusive settings such as camps, after school recreation, the YMCA, et cetera; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2024, Dakota County Social Services - Children and Family Services submitted an application for CMH Respite Care Services to the Minnesota Department of Human Services in the requested amount of \$203,890 beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the Children's Mental Health Respite Care Services grant application with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 for a total grant amount of \$203,890; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the Minnesota Department of Human Services Children's Mental Health Respite Care Services grant award of \$203,890 and execute a grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2025 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.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/3/2024.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Authorization To Execute Contracts Using Opioid Settlement Funds

This item was on the agenda for action; however, prior to the meeting, staff requested that the item be withdrawn from the agenda; therefore, no vote was taken on this item and there was no presentation.

5.2 Update On Community Health And Access

Coral Ripplinger, Public Health Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. The Committee suggested that staff explores where the greatest need of the under-served is (consider a heat map) as well as the need for Community Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers in Dakota County and how the County can support attracting those providers.

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. Then, she asked Nadir Abdi, Employment & Economic Assistance Director, to summarize the change to Managed Care health plans that was released by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) on November 14, 2024, and will take effect on December 1, 2024. The change is for new enrollees only. DHS sent letters, which are

causing some confusion. Staff will provide a summary to Commissioners to help navigate conversations with constituents.

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: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Liz Workman, seconded by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Ayes: 6

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

Excused: 1

Commissioner Atkins

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division