



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 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 was 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: Liz Workman

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

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

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

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On November 29, 2022

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

4.2 Authorization To Use Hennepin County Agreement With Bridging, Inc. As A Lead County Contract For Providing Household Goods And Furniture To Eligible Client(s)

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County has a population of people that are transitioning out of homelessness that have typically lost all of their household goods; and

WHEREAS, the County decided it needed to contract directly with Bridging, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County learned that Hennepin County has an Agreement with Bridging, Inc. that began on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County started using Hennepin County's Agreement with Bridging, Inc. under its lead county contract provision on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-068 (February 26, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the use of Hennepin County's Agreement with Bridging, Inc. as a lead county contract for the purpose of providing household goods and furniture to eligible clients for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to approve the use of the Hennepin County Agreement with Bridging, Inc. as a lead county contract for the purpose of providing household goods and furniture to eligible clients for the period of January 1, 2023 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 modify the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, service expectations and rates and the contract term, 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 1/24/2023.

4.3 Authorization To Accept Minnesota Department Of Human Services Children's Mental Health Screenings Grant Funds And Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Minnesota Legislature added mental health screening requirements to Minnesota Statutes to include children's mental health screening for specific child welfare and juvenile justice populations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the children's mental health screening within the child welfare and juvenile justice populations is to integrate mental health into current practices and to promote earlier mental health identification and intervention; and

WHEREAS, early identification of mental illness followed by the appropriate intervention and treatment may prevent years of disability and provide improved outcomes for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health screenings facilitate the referral of children for further testing and treatment using standardized effective mental health screening instruments; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-622 (December 15, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of Minnesota Department of Human Services Children's Mental Health Screenings Grant in the amount of \$234,054 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Children Mental Health Screening grant awarded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services is in the amount of \$212,395 based on an allocation of \$106,507 for Child Welfare and \$105,888 for Juvenile Justice for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the County Board authorizes acceptance of the Children's Mental Health Screening grant in the amount of \$212,395 and execution of the grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant award of \$212,395 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, 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 alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents (if relevant), 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.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/24/2023.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Juvenile Services Center

Matt Bauer, Juvenile Services Center Superintendent, Community Corrections,

presented on this item and stood for questions. The Committee agreed with staff's recommendation to continue operations as they are now. The Committee also recommended that staff consider increasing the per diem for a bed day. Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Costs Related To Opioid Crisis

Gina Adasiewicz, Public Health Director, and Madeline Goebel, Management Fellow, presented on this item and stood for questions. The Committee requested a Board Workshop to discuss parameters around using the settlement funds and asked staff to return with additional information regarding the Coordinator position.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Directors Report

Marti Fischbach, Division Director, highlighted a few items in the written report that was provided to the Committee. Ms. Fischbach noted the Point-in-Time count of those experiencing homelessness in the County is the evening of January 25 and encouraged up to four Commissioners to volunteer. And, it was noted that in follow-up to last month, there is an update about Bridges MN.

7. Adjournment

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Motion: William Droste

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner William Droste, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division