



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Conference Room L139, Western Service Center, Apple Valley

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1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

2. Audience

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3. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

4. Consent Agenda

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

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

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

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 *Community Corrections* - Update On Juvenile Services Center

5.2 *Public Health* - Update On Costs Related To Opioid Crisis

- 6. Community Services Directors Report
- 7. Adjournment
 - 7.1 Adjournment

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1692

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1693

Agenda #: 4.1

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On November 29, 2022



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

9:00 AM

**Conference Room L139 Western
Service Center, Apple Valley**

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Atkins

Commissioner Atkins was present via Zoom, but was not part of the voting quorum for the meeting.

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 that wished to address the Committee. No one came forward. Written comments were submitted from Jane Ferguson regarding the provision of the quality and quantity of food available at Neighbors, Inc., in northern Dakota County as compared to that provided at other food banks in southern Dakota County.

3. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

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

Ayes: 6

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the

consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On November 1, 2022

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County implements Minnesota Family Investment Programs (MFIP) to eligible Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for MFIP Employment Services was issued on August 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, upon careful review of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee members of the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) selected the proposal for Avivo, and the WDB approved the committee's recommendation at its October 21, 2016, meeting; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-583 (December 14, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Avivo for the provision of MFIP Employment Services in an amount not to exceed \$983,244 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the WDB Executive Committee has recommended executing a contract with Avivo and on October 28, 2021, the WDB approved executing a contract with Avivo in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,244 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a contract with Avivo in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,244 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 execute a contract with Avivo to provide employment and obtain case management services and job club services for Minnesota Family Investment Programs participants in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,244 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 the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the Minnesota Family Investment Programs Employment Services grants awarded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Employment

and Economic Development, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, contract amount, reporting requirements, and contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this 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 12/13/2022.

4.3 Authorization To Accept A Gift From HealthPartners To Dakota County In Support Of Public Health And Amend 2022 Public Health Budget

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 09-246 (May 19, 2009), it is required that gifts of real or personal property exceeding \$500 in value must be accepted by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, in September 2022, Dakota County received notification of being awarded an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the work in the Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the goal is that Dakota County uses the grant to benefit HealthPartners Medicaid members which may include the following activities:

- General support done by both public health and social services
- Support family home visiting
- Support behavioral health care and services
- Support services needs post pandemic

; and

WHEREAS, a letter signed by the Board Chair will be sent to HealthPartners to thank them for their contribution to the Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Public Health Department recommends acceptance of this gift and an amendment to the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the gift from HealthPartners and expresses its appreciation for this generous gift; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Program Expenses \$100,000

Total Expense \$100,000

Revenue

Grant Revenue \$100,000

Total Revenue \$100,000

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/13/2022.

4.4 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Independent School District 196 For Infant Feeding Support Group

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, research shows that breastfeeding offers many health benefits for infants and mothers, as well as potential economic and environmental benefits for communities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health identified a need for services around lactation and breastfeeding support to residents in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, lactation support is limited in Dakota County, not only within the community, but also within the health care setting; and

WHEREAS, of the three hospitals that are located within Dakota County, Fairview Ridges Hospital had the largest percentage of births at 48 percent (data from 2018 births) and most hospitals offer outpatient lactation support, but transportation can be a barrier, especially considering that majority of births of Dakota County residents occur outside of the county according to the 2015 Dakota County Community Breastfeeding Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the assessment also identified many clinics refer lactation concerns to one central clinic, which typically was outside of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the first twelve weeks of an infant's life are a critical time for infant nutrition, especially breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health and Independent School District 196 (ISD 196) Early Childhood Family Education are partnering to provide a weekly infant feeding support group at the Dakota Valley Learning Center in Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the group facilitators include Family Home Visiting nurses, Women, Infants and Children lactation consultants, and an ISD 196 parent educator; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the group is to provide families an opportunity to have access to lactation support, information, and assistance from peers and lactation professionals on a consistent and regular basis at critical points during early infant nutrition with the target audience being families providing human milk to their infants within Dakota County in the target age of newborn to 12 weeks; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to families, and they can continue to participate after 12 weeks of age if they desire; and

WHEREAS, the group will be open to pregnant individuals looking for lactation information, support, and connection with others in the community; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a joint powers agreement (JPA) with ISD 196 for the parties to agree to their respective responsibilities, effective upon execution of the JPA through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing approval for an amendment for one year through June 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Independent School District 196 for an infant feeding support group effective upon execution of the parties through June 30, 2024, 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 joint powers agreement 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 12/13/2022.

4.5 Authorization To Execute Amendment With 360 Communities For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Utilizing Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Program Grant Funds

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by Minn. Stat. § 462A.204, FHPAP grant funding must be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or

all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute also requires the establishment of an advisory committee to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-260 (May 18, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized executing contracts for the provision of FHPAP, utilizing the grant funds that were authorized under the same resolution; and

WHEREAS, this resolution included authorization to contract with 360 Communities in an amount not to exceed \$293,308 for homelessness prevention services; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the provision of FHPAP grant services approved by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, staff recommends amending the 360 Communities FHPAP contract by an additional \$136,967 to an amount not to exceed \$430,275 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 360 Communities will provide additional homelessness prevention services as well as rapid re-housing services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an amendment with 360 Communities in an amount not to exceed \$430,275 for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, 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, within the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, type of services provided, and the contract term, 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 12/13/2022.

4.6 Authorization To Execute Contract With 360 Communities For Dakota County Housing Clinic Housing Support Workers

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services staff, Dakota County Courts and partners have collaborated to create an eviction court clinic called the Dakota County Housing Clinic (DCHC); and

WHEREAS, the DCHC is a voluntary program that offers support, including legal assistance, financial assistance, and access to housing support services, to tenants at the first appearance for eviction cases; and

WHEREAS, housing support workers are present at court hearings scheduled three days per week; and

WHEREAS, these positions work with the courts, do pre-court outreach to tenants, connect tenants to resources and services, provide support for applications for federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA), Emergency Assistance and Emergency General Assistance funds, and assist with communication and coordination between tenants, landlords and courts; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2021, Dakota County entered into a contract with 360 Communities to begin this work for \$99,000 for the period of August 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-415 (August 24, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized an amendment to add an additional \$56,000 for additional services in the same contract period, for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$155,000 effective upon execution which was fully funded with Emergency Rental Assistance funds for Housing Stability Services, including court coordination services; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Eviction Moratorium Off-Ramp legislation, the DCHC planning committee anticipated a high volume of evictions to be filed and a high volume of cases to flow through eviction court; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate this work, Social Services proposed to add three additional Housing Support Worker positions to DCHC via a contract with 360 Communities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 22-295 (July 19, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized an amendment to add an additional \$82,835 to the

contract for a total of \$237,835 and extend the term to December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the additional time has allowed this team to continue serving clients in eviction court and the additional funds will allow this team to expand by one full-time Housing Support Worker; and

WHEREAS, to support continued Housing Clinic activities, staff proposes a new contract with 360 Communities for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, for a total not to exceed amount of \$359,276.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with 360 Communities for housing clinic housing support workers funded by the Emergency Rental Assistance funds for Housing Stability Services for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$359,000, 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 the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, within 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 the 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 12/13/2022.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Dakota County Opioid Settlement Response

Gina Adasiewicz, Public Health Director, and Madeline Goebel, Management Fellow, presented on this item and stood for questions. Members of the audience also addressed the Committee: Brian Wicke, South St. Paul Chief of Police; Mikael Dahlstrom, Rosemount Chief of Police; Dave Wilske, Hastings Chief of Police; Kelly McCarthy, Mendota Heights Chief of Police. The Committee requested that staff return to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on January 10, 2023, with additional information: 1) Data on what the cities want, provide an analysis on the amount of funding we could give the cities who did not receive any State funds, 2) Analysis of current county programs and a cost estimate along with evidence and outcomes, and 3) Three to five year funding estimate.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Emergency Shelter Development

Evan Henspeter, Director, and Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, both from Social Services presented on this item and stood for questions. Staff was asked to return to a future Community Services Committee of the Whole with updated cost estimates and site or other options for the shelter build.

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 that there was a recent news article on Bridges, a group home provider, and additional information is coming from the Minnesota Department of Human Services at which point a more detailed report will be provided to the Commissioners.

7. Adjournment

7.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Ayes: 6

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1669

Agenda #: 4.2

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

DEPARTMENT: Community Services Administration

FILE TYPE: Consent Action

TITLE

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

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the use of the Hennepin County Agreement with Bridging, Inc. as a lead county contract (i.e., agreement) for the purpose of providing household goods and furniture to eligible client(s).

SUMMARY

Dakota County has a population of people who are transitioning out of homelessness that have typically lost all of their household goods. They need access to replacements of goods to support stability in their new household locations. Some Community Services departments narrow the eligible population, but all people served lack basic household goods and the means to acquire them. Bridging, Inc. was selected as the provider of this service by Dakota County Social Services and Public Health many years ago because they are the only provider of 'furnish a home services' in the metro area. Referral processes used within the division ensure that the screening of eligible clients, referral, approval, and the purchase of goods occur with payments made directly to Bridging, Inc. from Dakota County (Attachment: Referral Process and Eligibility Requirements).

Due to volume, staff entered into a contract with Bridging, Inc. in the fall of 2016, as opposed to the previous practice of using purchase orders. Bridging, Inc. was directly selected because they are the only provider of 'furnish a home services' in the Metro Area. The County learned that Hennepin County had an Agreement with Bridging, Inc. that began on January 1, 2007. Dakota County began making its purchases under the Hennepin County Agreement under its lead county contract provision on January 1, 2017.

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.

OUTCOMES

See Attachment: Outcomes, for details.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to use 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.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

Funding for this Agreement is included in the 2023 Social Services and Public Health Budgets. The Agreement is between Hennepin County and Bridging, Inc. Due to the fact that Dakota County is not a party to the Hennepin County Agreement and is using it as a lead county contract, Dakota County may cease expenditures through this Agreement at any time. Dakota County Community Services Departments paid approximately \$256,000 during the last contract cycle, between January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022, mostly for Housing Access Services such as new beds and bed delivery.

☐ None ☒ Current budget ☐ Other
☐ Amendment Requested ☐ New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

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.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

19-068; 02/26/19

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Referral Process and Eligibility Requirements

Attachment: Outcomes

BOARD GOALS

☒ A Great Place to Live

☐ A Healthy Environment

☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

☐ Excellence in Public Service

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

☐ Inform and Listen

☐ Discuss

☐ Involve

☒ N/A

CONTACTS

Department Head: Kate Lerner

Author: Jessica Strydom

Dakota County's Referral Process & Eligibility Criteria Requirements for Bridging, Inc.

The referral process is as follows:

Social Services: The direct staff serving the individual consults with their supervisor, and—if appropriate—the supervisor approves the referral and initiates the referral process to the vendor with the required additional department approvals.

Public Health: Referrals for Bridging, Inc. begin with the Public Health Nurse (PHN) first discussing the need with their direct supervisor. The supervisor will then recommend that the nurse bring the referral to the next staff meeting or an email to be sent to their direct team. Staff will then discuss Bridging, Inc., as well as other possible resources for the family with their team. The team will approve the referral if appropriate. The supervisor will then give the final approval of the referral. The PHN requesting the referral will then submit a referral to Public Health Intake to complete the actual referral to Bridging, Inc.

Eligibility Criteria requirements are as follows:

Social Services: Families being served by Children and Family Services who are transitioning out of homelessness.

Public Health: Pregnant or parenting with risk factors which include low socio-economic status, history of homelessness or extenuating circumstance, etc.

Outcomes & Performance Results: Included in Hennepin County Lead County Contract and Measurements Based on Dakota County's 2021 Actual Data

How Much?

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| 1. Objective | Indicator |
| Number of Households | Referral received and assessment appointment scheduled |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Services: 127 referrals • Children & Family Services: 31 referrals • Public Health: 3 referrals | |
| 2. Objective | Indicator |
| Number of Households | Assessment appointment attended or completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Services: 126 referrals • Children & Family Services: 30 referrals • Public Health: 3 referrals | |

How Well?

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Objective | Indicator |
| Referrals scheduled online by County, availability varies | Within 30 working days |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Services: 100% • Children & Family Services: 100% • Public Health: 100% | |
| 2. Objective | Indicator |
| Assessment attended and completed. Delivery scheduled and completed. | Within 45 Working Days |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Services: 100% • Children & Family Services: 100% • Public Health: 100% | |

Is anyone better off?

- 100% across the board - Every single referral attended and completed results in the eligible client being better off for having basic needs addressed.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1658

Agenda #: 4.3

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

DEPARTMENT: Social Services

FILE TYPE: Consent Action

TITLE

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

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize acceptance of Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Children's Mental Health Screening grant funds and execute grant agreement.

SUMMARY

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.

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. 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. Focusing on these at-risk populations, and particularly the uninsured and underinsured, grant funding can provide mental health treatment for children who would not otherwise receive these services. Children's mental health screenings facilitate the referral of children for further testing and treatment using standardized effective mental health screening instruments. DHS provides funding to counties and tribes to conduct these screenings.

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

In 2021, 433 children/youth from Dakota County Children and Family Services and Juvenile Corrections received a children's mental health screening.

- 159 screenings - early childhood screenings (ages 0-5)
- 103 screenings - truancy
- 171 screenings - juvenile corrections

Dakota County has been awarded the DHS Children Mental Health Screening grant 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.

OUTCOMES

See Attachment: Outcomes, for details.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization to accept Children's Mental Health Screening grant funds in the amount of \$212,395 and execute the grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

There is a \$0 net County cost anticipated as a result of this action. The grant award is included in the 2023 Social Services Budget.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

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.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

20-622; 12/15/20

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Outcomes

BOARD GOALS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Great Place to Live | <input type="checkbox"/> A Healthy Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Successful Place for Business and Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Public Service |

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Inform and Listen | <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss | <input type="checkbox"/> Involve | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
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CONTACTS

Department Head: Evan Henspeter

Author: Suzanne Tuttle

Outcomes:**How Much?**

In 2021, 433 Dakota County children being served by either Corrections or Social Services were offered a mental health screening.

How Well?

In Dakota County, the Mental Health Screening Allocation is used to address children's mental health in the following manner:

- Inform the parent or primary caregivers of the screening results
- Assist families with referrals to a mental health professional for any necessary follow up assessments and/or treatment
- Utilize grant funds for short-term clinical, ancillary, or supportive services not reimbursable by Minnesota Health Care Plans or other insurance

Is Anyone Better Off?

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, one in five children meet criteria for a mental health diagnosis during their lifetime. For many children, lack of access to mental health care is an extraordinary burden due to barriers, including low socioeconomic status and membership in traditionally underrepresented groups. Unfortunately, it is likely less than one-third of children who may need mental health services receive treatment.

The mental health screening can help to open doors for youth because questions are asked that they may never have been asked before. These screenings can assist in obtaining information that helps identify problems the child or youth may be experiencing. By addressing these identified mental health, substance use, and other challenging life experiences these youth may no longer need the assistance of social services, corrections, truancy, or children's mental health.

Those children/youth who are subsequently identified through screening who need or who are at risk of needing mental health services are offered additional referrals and/or services. Early identification of mental health concerns followed by the appropriate intervention and treatment may prevent years of disability and provide improved outcomes for children and their families. Mental health screening can also reduce barriers to learning and result in positive educational and behavioral outcomes as well.



Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1712

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

DEPARTMENT: Community Corrections

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Juvenile Services Center

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on the Dakota County Juvenile Services Center (JSC).

SUMMARY

Community Corrections will present to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on revenue options for the JSC. The presentation will review past and present use of JSC beds by both Dakota County and those purchased by other counties. It will include a discussion on future use of beds in the JSC and potential contract options with other counties.

The demand for secure correctional beds for juveniles is increasing while the number of available beds has decreased. Dakota County has been approached by several counties requesting a contract for guaranteed bed space. The JSC, at the same time, is working to manage staff turnover and improve retention. Dakota County has not previously contracted with other counties for beds. There are several potential benefits and challenges to consider.

Concerns surrounding juvenile justice is receiving increased attention in Minnesota and states around the nation. The attention to justice reform has included a focus on secure correctional facilities, specifically around its use of disciplinary room time. Given these developments, a review of the future business model is timely.

OUTCOMES

Dakota County JSC does not contract for guaranteed out-of-county beds. The 2022 daily average number of beds at the JSC sold to other counties in Minnesota is seven, and the 2022 daily average number of beds occupied by Dakota County residents is 14.

The budgeted revenue in 2022 and 2023 is \$622,607. The JSC projected actual revenue in 2022 is \$700,000.

In 2022 Dakota County JSC helped support public safety by selling over 2,200 bed days to surrounding counties.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Current budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

BOARD GOALS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Great Place to Live | <input type="checkbox"/> A Healthy Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Successful Place for Business and Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Public Service |

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

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Community Services Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-1716

Agenda #: 5.2

Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Costs Related To Opioid Crisis

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive updates on the costs incurred by the Opioid Crisis and provide guidance on next steps.

SUMMARY

Under Minn. Stat. § 145A, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acts as the community health board and has responsibility to prevent disease and disability and to promote and protect the health and safety of county citizens.

Public Health provided a second update on the County's response to its inclusion in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on November 29, 2022 and provided an initial update on August 16, 2022. At the November Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting staff were asked to address the following:

1. County impact of opioid programs and services
2. Funding timeline
3. Estimated City Funding

Since November, staff has collaborated with the Office of Planning and Analysis (OPA) to determine the county impact of opioid programs and services. The program and financial summary provides an overview of current county programs as well as an estimated levy cost from varying years. (Attachment: Program and Financial Summary).

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office estimated that Dakota County will receive \$9,814,545 from settlements with Johnson & Johnson and three Distributors but given the need for backstop fees to be removed, staff believes the County will receive roughly \$9,127,527. As more settlements are finalized, Dakota County will receive additional funding, but to date, no information about funding amounts from these additional settlements has been communicated. Per the MOA a seven percent (7%) reduction in the total amount was anticipated to be allocated to a Backstop Fund for payment of the attorney fees and costs owed by Litigating Local Governments to private attorneys. Per the 2023 budget approval process, a 1.0 full-time equivalent Opioid Coordinator will be funded by opioid settlement dollars.

In late 2022, staff received notice from the Directing Administrator of the National Opioid Settlements

that the County has been allocated \$1,919,533 for payment years 2021 and 2022. The County will not receive another payment from the Johnson & Johnson Settlement until 2026. An estimated funding timeline is found in Attachment: Funding Timeline.

Staff met on December 22, 2022, with several Police Chiefs. The Chiefs from Mendota Heights, West St. Paul, South Saint Paul, Rosemount, Farmington and Hastings have requested that their Drug Task Force fees of \$15,392 per year be covered by the county for the next three years to offset the cost inequities they are facing as cities receiving settlement funds plan to use their funds to cover these costs. Staff will be meeting with City Managers in late January to learn what else might be needed from a city perspective to address the opioid crisis. Staff worked with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office to estimate an equitable funding recommendation for the non-funded cities who were initially included in the settlement prior to the establishment of the 30,000-population threshold. Using the initial allocation percentages for the cities of Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Farmington, and Hastings, their allocation would have roughly totaled \$2,141,390. However, since cities under 30,000 were not part of the settlement their allocated funds were re-distributed back to counties and cities with a population over 30,000. As a result, Dakota County's allocation increased by \$750,671 from \$8,376,856 to \$9,127,527. Should cities receive funds from the County, they would need to adhere to the same reporting requirements as the County and funds would need to address a program or service found in Appendix A-Eligible Use of Funds, in the MOA.

The MOA states that local governments can form partnerships at the local level and can dedicate a portion of the settlement funds to support city or community-based work with local stakeholders and partners within the Eligible Uses. The MOA also states that public health will convene multi-sector meetings to identify, collaborate and respond to local issues. Counties must collaborate and coordinate with trusted partners, including community stakeholders to collect and share information about successful strategies. Per the MOA, the County must host "an annual meeting with all municipalities in the county in order to receive input as to proposed uses of the opioid Settlement Funds." Given that the MOA was signed on February 25, 2022, staff recommends this meeting take place prior to the anniversary of the MOA signing.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

Revenue generated from phase one of this allocation is estimated to be \$9,127,527 over 18 years.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Requested | | <input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested |

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Program and Financial Summary

Attachment: Funding Timeline

BOARD GOALS

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

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Program and Financial Summary

January 2022

Estimated Annual Program and Services Levy Costs

	TOTAL LEVY COSTS	YEAR
PUBLIC HEALTH	\$23,359	2021
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$1,486,808	2021
CORRECTIONS	\$193,097	2019
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$183,313	2022
VETERANS SERVICES	\$10,165	2022
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	\$693,197	2022
TOTALS	\$2,589,939	

Assessment of Dakota County Opioid Related Programs and Services

**Bolding denotes other non-levy funded programming*

Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBIRT (Screen Brief Intervention refer to Treatment Training) • CAGE-AID screening for substances in Family Home Visiting program • Community Naloxone training • Working with school districts to develop Naloxone policies and procedures for school nurses • Admissions to Family Home Visiting program with “drug use” risk factor • Safe & Healthy Start, women with prenatal substance abuse • Support EMC Advisory Committee in purchasing and distributing Naloxone • Women Infants and Children (WIC) substance use assessment and referral • Disease Prevention and Control Response to sexually transmitted disease outbreaks related to Opioid use
Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Share of chemical dependency treatment through the Behavioral Health Fund • Substance Use Disorder (SUD) system coordination, including providing public with information about available option for assessment, treatment, withdrawal management and other services • Social worker staffing for problem-solving courts – adult, juvenile, and family • Social worker staffing for jail Re-entry Assistance Program (RAP) with a focus on SUD service planning • Social workers co-located in the jail to support -the transition and care coordination Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the jail • Screening and case management for people under SUD civil commitment • Detox Expenses • Child Protection Referrals

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care • Family dependency treatment court (FDTC) • Peer recovery specialist • Placement for youth at the Juvenile Services Center (JSC) • Peer recovery support in the jail and community with MN Recovery Connection • Sober Housing • Parent Support Outreach • Funding for peer mentoring in the Child Protective Services area • Operate DHS-licensed Jail Treatment Program in the Dakota County Jail • Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Follow Up including embedded social workers in Police departments
Corrections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Court • Drug Testing • Community Outreach and Engagement
Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOUD Nurse/suboxone treatment in jails • Narcan distribution to released patients from jails • Drug Task Force • Prescription Drop Box Destruction and Disposal • Drop box with Environmental Resources • Narcan and PPE in Patrol Cars • United Way Opioid Community Awareness and Education • Community Outreach and Engagement
Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription Drug Drop Boxes
Veterans Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Service Officer • Chemical health requirement • Assessment and Referral • Statutory authority to refer to treatment • Veterans' treatment court in collaboration with Carver County
County Attorney's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Division drug case prosecution • Civil Division forfeiture cases involving drugs • Prevention Education and Community Outreach • Annual Prosecution Highlights
Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-in Social Service Referral Hours that include Chemical Dependency education

Funding Timeline

Below is an estimated Timeline of the funds Dakota County anticipates receiving throughout the 18 years of the Phase 1 Settlements.

	DISTRIBUTORS	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	ANNUAL TOTALS
2021	\$317,047.77		\$317,047.77
2022	\$333,201.75	\$1,269,283.00	\$1,602,484.75
2023	\$333,201.75		\$333,201.75
2024	\$417,049.19		\$417,049.19
2025	\$417,049.19		\$417,049.19
2026	\$417,049.19	\$64,018.73	\$481,067.91
2027	\$417,049.19	\$64,018.73	\$481,067.91
2028	\$490,500.09	\$64,018.72	\$554,518.82
2029	\$490,500.09	\$81,507.04	\$572,007.13
2030	\$490,500.09	\$81,507.04	\$572,007.13
2031	\$412,314.83	\$81,507.04	\$493,821.86
2032	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2033	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2034	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2035	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2036	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2037	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
2038	\$412,314.83		\$412,314.83
Totals	\$7,421,666.93	\$1,705,860.28	\$9,127,527.21



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Adjournment