

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday February 10, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Room L139, Western Service Center, Apple Valley**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler. Those in attendance:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas Egan
Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Paul J. Krause
Commissioner Willis E. Branning

Also in attendance were: Dave Rooney, Community Services Division Director, and Jay Stassen, Assistant County Attorney.

2. REPORTS

There were no reports.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

4. AUDIENCE

Chair Schouweiler asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the committee on an item not on the agenda or if anyone wished to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda. No one appeared.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners were given a revised item 7.1, pages 20 and 21.

Moved by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the agenda with the revision.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the following Consent Agenda.

6.1 Minutes of the January 13, 2008 meeting

6.2 Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement With The Better Way Foundation To Fund Metro Alliance For Healthy Families Outreach And Engagement Activities

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 07-058 (January 23, 2007), the County Board approved the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families (MAHF) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties and the City of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for the MAHF, including the responsibilities for dispersing funds to Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties and the City of Bloomington; employing administrative and outreach staff; and purchasing services on behalf of MAHF; and

WHEREAS, the MAHF Steering Committee authorized staff to submit a grant application in the amount of \$297,316 to the Better Way Foundation, for year three of a three-year grant for family outreach and engagement activities at hospital sites, consistent with MAHF bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the MAHF Governing Board ratified the grant submission at its October 20, 2008 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2008 the Better Way Foundation notified the County of year three of a three-year grant award of \$297,316 to the MAHF which funds 4.0 FTE who currently carry out family outreach and engagement activities at hospital sites; and

WHEREAS, these grant funded positions are time-limited and contingent upon continued funding through MAFM and private and state funding; and

WHEREAS, staff request authorization to execute year three, of a three-year grant agreement with the Better Way Foundation in the amount of the grant award for MAHF family outreach and engagement activities at hospital sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, acting as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families, hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement with the Better Way Foundation in the amount of the grant awarded for year three of a three year grant award, for family outreach and engagement activities at hospital sites, subject to approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The MAHF positions are time-limited and contingent upon continued funding through MAHF and private and state funding.

6.3 Authorization To Execute Contract With Peaceful Mind Homes, LLC, To Provide 24-Hour Customized Living And Assisted Living Plus Services

WHEREAS, the Elderly (EW) and Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) waivers serve persons age 65 and over and disabled persons under age 65 who need nursing facility level of care; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Social Services Service Coordinators authorize 24-Hour Customized Living, Customized Living, Assisted Living Plus, and Assisted Living Services for clients based on individual client needs; and

WHEREAS, vendors of these services bill the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) directly for these services provided to EW and CADI clients; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that a contract be executed with Peaceful Mind Homes, LLC, to provide 24-Hour Customized Living and Assisted Living Plus Services; and

WHEREAS, EW and CADI waiver, and Group Residential Housing (GRH) rate limits are established by DHS on a state fiscal year basis (July 1-June 30); and

WHEREAS, contracts for services funded by the EW and CADI waivers are written to coincide with the state fiscal year funding cycle; and

WHEREAS, the execution of these contracts in no way obligates Dakota County to purchase services or refer clients to Peaceful Mind Homes, LLC; and

WHEREAS, 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, these contracts will contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Peaceful Mind Homes, LLC, for 24-Hour Customized Living and Assisted Living Plus Services, at rates not to exceed funding limits provided by the EW and CADI waiver programs for the period of February 24, 2009 through June 30, 2011, 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 continue providing these services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, within the rate limits established by DHS, to alter the types of services provided, and service rates or contract term, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.4 Authorization To Submit Letter Of Interest To Apply For State Health Improvement Plan Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acts as the Community Health Board and has responsibility to, and a long history of, supporting efforts to prevent disease and disability and promote and protect the health and safety of County residents; and

WHEREAS, three behaviors (tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition) contribute significantly to the four leading causes of death (cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and lung disease), which comprise 50% of deaths and are among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable of all health problems; and

WHEREAS, prevention of chronic disease and disability in Dakota County is a public health priority, as set forth in its Public Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to increase healthy eating and physical activity as well as decrease use and exposure of tobacco as demonstrated by the 2007 Minnesota Student Survey results and other data; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) was signed into law in 2008 as an integral component of Health Care Reform with the goal to help Minnesotans live longer, better, healthier lives by reducing the burden of chronic diseases through a focus on tobacco use and obesity (physical activity and nutrition) in worksites, healthcare settings, schools, and other community settings; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is developing a plan for policy, environmental and systems changes to support healthy behaviors and will issue a Request for Proposals for local public health departments by February 9; and

WHEREAS, MDH will request a Letter of Interest due on March 2 with a full application due April 13, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Letter of Interest to apply for State Health Improvement Plan Funds from the Minnesota Department Of Health.

6.5 Acceptance of Gifts for Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program

Acceptance Of Gift From Gallagher-Hansen Ladies Auxiliary #295 For Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-261 (April 22, 1997), requires that gifts of real or personal property exceeding \$500 in value be accepted by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-250 (May 20, 2008), the County Board approved the establishment of the Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, Gallagher-Hansen Ladies Auxiliary #295 has donated \$500 for the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the generous gift of \$500 and expresses its appreciation to Gallagher-Hansen Ladies Auxiliary #295.

Acceptance Of Gift From Military Order Of The Purple Heart Nels Wold – Chapter #5 For Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-261 (April 22, 1997), requires that gifts of real or personal property exceeding \$500 in value be accepted by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-250 (May 20, 2008), the County Board approved the establishment of the Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, Military Order of the Purple Heart Nels Wold – Chapter #5 has donated \$1,000 for the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the generous gift of \$1,000 and expresses its appreciation to Military Order of the Purple Heart Nels Wold – Chapter #5.

Acceptance Of Gift From Gallagher-Hansen VFW Post #295 For Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-261 (April 22, 1997), requires that gifts of real or personal property exceeding \$500 in value be accepted by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-250 (May 20, 2008), the County Board approved the establishment of the Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, Gallagher-Hansen VFW Post #295 has donated \$2,000 for the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the generous gift of \$2,000 and expresses its appreciation to Gallagher-Hansen VFW Post #295.

6.6 Acceptance Of Gift To Dakota County Employment And Economic Assistance Workforce Services From Dakota Electric

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 97-261 (April 22, 1997), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners requires that gifts of real or personal property exceeding \$500 in value be accepted by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Electric has presented a gift of \$2,500 to Employment and Economic Assistance, Workforce Services; and

WHEREAS, staff requests that the County Board accept this generous gift that will be used to assist in the development of resources and promotional materials for entrepreneurs, and the development and implementation of youth outreach programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the generous gift of \$2,500 and expresses its appreciation to Dakota Electric.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County Community Development Agency And Related Memorandum Of Understanding For Eagan Youth Supportive Housing Project

Tina Isaac, Social Services Deputy Director, presented background information on the youth housing project including the steps taken since the housing need was determined and the current status of the project. Mark Ulfers, Executive Director of the Community Development Agency, commented on the project from the perspective of the CDA. Mr. Ulfers and Ms. Isaac answered questions relating to funding and occupancy issues. Moved by Commissioner Branning, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord, and passed on a 7-0 vote to recommend the County Board adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Dakota County has determined a need for a specialized housing option for youth in transition; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) has secured funding to construct appropriate housing with an obligation to maintain this housing for 50 years with limited opportunity to change; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County, the CDA, and The LINK have come to agreement on the rights, obligations and responsibilities for this housing project outlined in the MOU required by Minnesota Housing (formerly Minnesota Housing Finance Agency); and

WHEREAS, the CDA has requested a formal relationship and commitment from Dakota County on this long term housing option; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Joint Powers Agreement acknowledges the respective roles and responsibilities of the County and the CDA and affirms the financial commitments and the support that the CDA and the County will provide over the next years toward this project; and

WHEREAS, the County's commitment under the Joint Powers Agreement is (1) \$100,000 per year for three years (in the following years this appropriation is subject to County Board discretion); and (2) to consider additional County appropriations if The LINK is not successful in securing adequate service delivery funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency for the Eagan Youth Supportive Housing Project, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on February 10, 2009, 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 authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dakota County Community Development Agency and The LINK, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the parties in the Eagan Youth Supportive Housing Project, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on February 10, 2009, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

At this time the agenda was changed to allow the Director's report before the Legislative update.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT

Each Commissioner received a copy of the Director's written report and Dave Rooney pointed out highlights.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following individuals presented various legislative updates: Margaret Schreiner, Lynn Thompson, Mark Krebsbach, Jack Ditmore, and Mary Cerkenik.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 7-0 vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rolstad
Administrative Coordinator