

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday March 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. or immediately following Physical Development Committee
Room 520, Northern Service Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord. Those in attendance:

Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord

Commissioner Thomas Egan

Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler

Commissioner Liz Workman

Commissioner Paul J. Krause

Commissioner Willis E. Branning

Absent:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris

Also in attendance were: Marilynn Loving, Interim Community Services Division Director, and Karen Schaffer, County Attorney's Office.

2. REPORTS

Co-Chairs Katie Tinderholm and Jeanne Nielsen reported for the Local Advisory Council for Adult Mental Health.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

4. AUDIENCE

Chair Gaylord 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

Moved by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 6-0 vote to approve the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Branning, seconded by Commissioner Schouweiler, and passed on a 6-0 vote to approve the following Consent Agenda. Regarding Item #6.6, Commissioner Branning extended a thank you to those who have worked with the Northwest Airlines Special Dislocated Worker Project.

6.1 Minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting

6.2 Proclamation Of Crime Victims' Rights Week In Dakota County, April 18 To April 24, 2010

WHEREAS, justice is not served until all crime victims and those hurt by crime are provided support and assistance in the aftermath of victimization; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County recognizes that we serve justice by serving victims of crime and, in doing so, we help make our homes and neighborhoods, communities and our nation stronger, safer and more secure; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for Dakota County to reflect on the progress made and areas we need to strengthen to ensure that victims' needs are identified and addressed; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Dakota County Victim Justice Council, staff requests that Dakota County join forces with victim services programs, criminal and juvenile justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the County to observe April 18 to April 24, 2010, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 18 to April 24, 2010, as Crime Victims' Rights Week and honors crime victims and those who serve them during that week and throughout the year.

6.3 Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Human Services, Chemical Health Division, For Case Management Services For Substance Abusing/Dependent Offenders

WHEREAS, Dakota County is in need of increased services for high-risk adult offenders with substance abuse/dependency issues; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-089 (February 26, 2008), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the submission of a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, (DHS), Chemical Health Division, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-253 (May 20, 2008), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to accept the grant award and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Chemical Health Division, in the amount of the grant awarded, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has been notified by the Department of Human Services, Chemical Health Division that three additional years of funding is available in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, to provide intensive case management and continuing care services for individuals with substance use issues/disorders involved in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the grant may be cancelled by the Minnesota Department of Human Services or the County Board of Commissioners at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the other party; and

WHEREAS, in the event of cancellation, the County is entitled to a pro-rated payment based on the services provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant extension and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Chemical Health Division, in the amount of the grant award for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2010 Community Corrections budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense
Evaluation/POS \$5,000
Total Expense \$ 5,000

Revenue
Intensive CM-DHS \$50,000
Use of Fund Balance (to offset existing FTE) (\$45,000)
Total Revenue \$ 5,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Adult Drug Court position is time-limited and contingent upon continued availability of grant funding.

6.4 Authorization To Execute Contracts Funded By American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Stimulus Funds Allocated To Dakota-Scott Workforce Services

WHEREAS, Dakota County administers Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program services to eligible and universal customers; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2009, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) informed Dakota-Scott Workforce Services of an allocation in the amount of \$543,442 to provide additional services to Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth clients through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2009, DEED informed Dakota-Scott Workforce Services of an additional ARRA allocation of \$30,144 to provide services to WIA youth clients; and

WHEREAS, Inver Hills Community College recently notified Dakota-Scott Workforce Services that they will not spend \$24,820 of their contracted funds; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the unspent dollars anticipated for these services along with the unspent dollars from Inver Hills Community College and found that Dakota County had a total of \$129,009 remaining in ARRA funding available to serve eligible youth; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2009, Dakota-Scott Workforce Services issued a Letter of Interest for the provision of comprehensive employment and training services authorized under ARRA to eligible youth, ages 14-24, in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2010, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approved funding of contracts to three of the five providers that responded to the Letter of Interest; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient funding for the contracts within the County's approved 2010 Employment and Economic Assistance 2010 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the following:

Contract with Tree Trust in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to allow Tree Trust to serve 16 youth on a landscape crew for the period of April 1, 2010, through August 15, 2010, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

Contract with Dakota County Community Development Agency in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 to serve 3 youth, ages 18 and over, for 10-12 weeks, 40 hours per week in positions working in building maintenance for the period of April 1, 2010, through August 15, 2010, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

Contract with The Link in an amount not to exceed \$63,000 to provide training and employment assistance to 12 residents of Lincoln Place for the period of April 1, 2010, through August 15, 2010, 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 amend said contracts to alter the number and type of clients, type of services provided, reporting requirements, contract amount and contract term, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these 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.

6.5 Authorization To Submit Workforce Investment Act Youth Program And Minnesota Youth Program 2010 Plan To Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development, Authorization To Execute Grant Agreements, And Authorization To Execute Related Contracts

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 requires local service areas to provide services to low-income, at-risk youth in order to promote educational and employment success; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on December 28, 2009, for WIA youth program and Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) services in Dakota County (youth services in Scott County are provided by Scott County staff); and

WHEREAS, after a competitive RFP process, the Dakota-Scott Youth Council recommended to the Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to contract with HIRED to provide WIA youth program services and with Tree Trust to provide MYP services in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2010, the WIB approved the Youth Council's recommendation to contract with HIRED and Tree Trust; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the County Board authorize the submission of the WIA Youth Program and MYP 2010 Plan to the Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the County Board authorize the execution of the WIA Youth and MYP grant agreements with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) in the amounts of the grants awarded; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the County Board authorize contracts with HIRED to provide WIA youth program services and with Tree Trust to provide MYP services in an amount not to exceed the grant award less ten percent for the period of April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Employment and Economic Assistance budget includes funding for these programs at the 2009 funding level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the WIA Youth Program and MYP 2010 Plan to DEED; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to execute the WIA youth program and MYP grant agreements with DEED in the amount of the grants awarded, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract with HIRED to provide WIA youth program services in an amount not to exceed the grant award less ten percent for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Tree Trust to provide Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) services in an amount not to exceed the grant award less ten percent, for the period of April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, 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, consistent with the approved Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth program and MYP 2010 plan, to accept additional funding, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, reporting requirements, contract amount and contract term, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff will return to the County Board to request a budget amendment, if needed, upon official notification of the grant awards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these contracts 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.

6.6 Ratification Of Premerger Northwest Airlines Special Dislocated Worker Project Submitted To Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development, Authorization To Amend 2010 Employment And Economic Assistance Budget, And Authorization To Execute Related Contracts

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2010, Dakota-Scott Workforce Services was notified by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) of a Request for Information (RFI) for qualified Dislocated Worker service providers to serve Northwest Airlines (NWA) employees being laid-off; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2010, Dakota-Scott Workforce Services was notified that it was the successful proposer, in collaboration with Anoka County, Washington County, Employment Action Center, HIRED, and Minnesota (MN) DEED/Dakota County Job Service; and

WHEREAS, currently 520 individuals have been identified for layoffs with 800 estimated by June 30, 2010, and up to 1,000 by January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2010, DEED notified Dakota-Scott Workforce Services of a \$10,000 Early Readjustment Assistance Grant (ERAG) to begin providing outreach to Premerger NWA clients; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2010, DEED approved the allocation of \$300,000 to allow Dakota-Scott Workforce Services to begin providing services; and

WHEREAS, premerger NWA clients receive monthly contact from a qualified Dislocated Worker Counselor, and access to a multitude of workshops and activities designed to help the clients return to work at an acceptable wage; and

WHEREAS, on February, 19, 2010, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board approved contracts with providers to provide eligible clients with training and support services; and

WHEREAS, staff request authorization to accept the funding from DEED, and execute contracts and Joint Powers Agreements as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on March 23, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the Premerger Northwest Airlines Special Dislocated Worker Project proposal submitted to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development by Dakota-Scott Workforce Services in collaboration with Anoka County, Washington County, Employment Action Center, HIRED, and MN DEED/Dakota County Job Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to accept Premerger Northwest Airlines Special Dislocated Worker Project funds in the amount of the grant awarded, 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 contracts with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development/Dakota County Job Service, Employment Action Center, and HIRED to provide employment and training services as follows, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

- \$800 per client enrolled and served within the Premerger NWA project between January 15, 2010 and March 31, 2012
- Up to \$3,100 per client in support and training funds
- \$75 for orientations conducted where the contractor is the primary presenter and \$50 for orientations conducted where the contractor is the secondary presenter between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute Joint Powers Agreements with Anoka County and Washington County to provide employment and training services as follows, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

- \$800 per client enrolled and served within the Premerger NWA project between January 15, 2010 and March 31, 2012
- Up to \$3,100 per client in support and training funds
- \$75 for orientations conducted where the County is the primary presenter and \$50 for orientations conducted where the County is the secondary presenter between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to allocate to Scott County as a member of Dakota-Scott Workforce Services, the following payments to provide employment and training services:

- \$800 per client enrolled and served within the Premerger NWA project between January 15, 2010 and March 31, 2012
- Up to \$3,100 per client in support and training funds
- \$75 for orientations conducted where the County is the primary presenter and \$50 for orientations conducted where the County is the secondary presenter between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to amend said contracts within the amount of Premerger NWA Project funds available, to alter the number and types of clients, type of service provided, reporting requirements and contract term, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2010 Employment and Economic Assistance budget is hereby amended as follows:

| Expense | ERAG | Premerger NWA Special DW Project |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Direct Program | \$ 9,500 | \$274,500 |
| Total Expense | \$ 9,500 | \$274,500 |
| Revenue | | |
| DEED Revenue | \$10,000 | \$300,000 |
| Increase in Fund Balance | \$ (500) | \$ (25,500) |
| Total Revenue | \$ 9,500 | \$274,500 |

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payments for Premerger NWA Project employment and training services will only be allowed up to the amount of funds available at any given time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff will return to the County Board to request authorization to amend the Employment and Economic Assistance budget to add additional Premerger NWA Project funds as they are allocated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these contracts and Joint Powers Agreements shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts and Joint Powers Agreements 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.

6.7 Authorization To Execute Contract With Medica For Dakota County To Provide Care Coordination Services And Network Maintenance Services For Dakota County Residents Who Are Minnesota Senior Health Options And Minnesota Senior Care Plus Members Of Medica

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health and Social Services staff currently provide care coordination services to approximately 269 senior clients enrolled in Medica's Minnesota Senior Health Option (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) products; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 05-541 (November 1, 2005), the County Board authorized a contract that allowed the County to provide care coordination for MSHO clients referred through Medica, thereby continuing the care coordination provided by the County prior to the shift in responsibility to the health plans and allowing staff to open new cases, such as for "community well" clients; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-603 (December 16, 2008), the County Board authorized a contract with Medica to provide services to MSC+ members; and

WHEREAS, effective, October 1, 2009, as a result of legislative action, Medica reduced the rate for Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) services from \$137.41 per member per month to \$133.87 per member per month effective October 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2010, the rate network maintenance reimbursement was reduced from \$4.11 per member per month to \$1.50 per member per month, making it consistent with the network maintenance reimbursement the County receives from the other health plans; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the execution of a contract that combines MSHO and MSC+ that will allow the County to continue providing care coordination services for Medica enrollees as staff and clients value the service provision as part of the case management responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends the execution of a contract that will allow the County to be reimbursed for provider network maintenance services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Medica for Dakota County to provide care coordination services at the rate of \$133.87 per member per month effective October 1, 2009 for Dakota County residents who are MSHO and MSC+ members of Medica, 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 contract with Medica for network maintenance services at the rate of \$1.50 per member per month effective January 1, 2010 for Dakota County residents who are MSHO and MSC+ members of Medica, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.8 Authorization To Execute Contract With Dungarvin Minnesota, L L C For Home And Community-Based Services

WHEREAS, the Alternative Care (AC), Community-Based Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI), Community Alternatives for Care (CAC) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) community-based waivers each serve a targeted population who is at risk of nursing home placement or hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver serves persons who are developmentally disabled or have a related condition and likely require the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (ICF/MR); and

WHEREAS, Social Services staff authorizes a range of services for clients based on the individual needs of the client; and

WHEREAS, these services are provided by a variety of providers under contract with Dakota County or with other counties, and provider agencies bill the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) directly for services provided to waiver eligible clients; and

WHEREAS, DHS establishes rate limits for many services funded by the waivers on a state fiscal year basis (July 1-June 30), including Group Residential Housing (GRH) funded room and board expenses; and

WHEREAS, DHS has placed a moratorium on licensing new corporate foster care beds requiring providers and counties to develop effective yet less costly living arrangements for clients; and

WHEREAS, in response, Dakota County has developed a new supportive apartment program model to serve disabled clients, primarily DD, as a less restrictive and less expensive alternative to corporate foster care settings; and

WHEREAS, these clients generally have been living at home with family and other supports for the past 30 years, and still need 24-hour supervision and guidance as they are not able to perform self-care, homemaking, paperwork or other daily routines without direction; and

WHEREAS, the supportive apartment program model allows for the range of services from SLS to Independent Living Services (ILS), and a range of rates based on the individual needs of each client, the intensity and frequency of the care, and the oversight and supervision required; and

WHEREAS, a Letter of Interest was issued by Dakota County Social Services on September 16, 2009, to seek providers interested in providing on-site support services in a supportive apartment program and Dungarvin Minnesota, LLC was selected to provide services; and

WHEREAS, this contract may be terminated in the event sufficient funds from county, state or federal sources are not appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the execution of this contract does not obligate Dakota County to purchase services or refer clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Dungarvin Minnesota, LLC to provide on-site support services in a supportive apartment program at the rates of \$120/day and \$160/day for SLS depending on the care needs of the client, and \$11.81/quarter hour for clients who need only ILS services, for the period of April 6, 2010 through June 30, 2012, 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 rate limits established by DHS, to alter the types of services provided, service rates and contract term, 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.

6.9 Authorization To Execute Amendment To Grant Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Public Safety-Office Of Justice Programs To Extend Family Dependency Treatment Court Funding And Amend Social Services Budget

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, by Resolution No. 08-252 (May 20, 2008), approved submission of a Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) proposal to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety-Office of Justice Programs, to fund a Recovery Specialist to serve Family Dependency Treatment Court participants; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety awarded the County \$90,000 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, by Resolution No. 08-376 (August 26, 2008), authorized execution of a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety-Office of Justice Programs to accept the grant which funded the Recovery Specialist position and amend the 2008 Social Services budget; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety—Office of Justice Programs contacted Dakota County and offered continued funding of \$90,000 for 2010 to continue the County's Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) Recovery Specialist position; and

WHEREAS, the grant award may be cancelled by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety-Office of Justice Programs or the County Board of Commissioners at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the other party; and

WHEREAS, in the event of cancellation, the County is entitled to a pro-rated payment based on the services provided; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the 2010 Social Services budget be amended to add the \$90,000 grant award which will be used to continue the 1.0 FTE Recovery Specialist position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an amendment to the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety-Office of Justice Programs to continue the Recovery Specialist Pilot for the Family Dependency Treatment Court through December 31, 2010, in the amount of the grant awarded, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2010 Social Services budget is hereby amended as follows:

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| Revenue | |
| MDPS-OJP grant | \$90,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$90,000 |

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recovery Specialist position is time-limited and contingent upon continued availability of grant funding.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Information – Update of Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

Barbara Illsley, Community Corrections Director, introduced Martin Miser, Community Corrections Deputy Director, and James Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney. Mr. Miser presented background information on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) which began in 2005 as a pilot with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Mr. Miser shared progress in developing community alternatives to juvenile detention, the risk assessment instrument, DataMart, and challenges they continue to focus on. Mr. Backstrom described how JDAI is a community effort which has led to a drop in charges in juvenile crimes. This was an informational item; no action was requested.

7.2 Lincoln Place Youth Supportive Housing Update And Authorization To Amend Contract With The Link To Add Group Residential Housing Services And Extend Contract Term

Patrick Coyne, Social Services Director, introduced Mark Ulfers, Community Development Agency Executive Director, and Peter Rosenblatt, The Link Executive Director. Lincoln Place, a youth supportive housing site, is set to open on April 1st. Mr. Coyne provided an overview of Lincoln Place including the target resident criteria, a support service funding breakdown, and how rent is subsidized. Mr. Rosenblatt reviewed staffing, occupancy status, and future community engagement events. After some discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Branning, seconded by Commissioner Egan and passed on a 5-1 vote (with Commissioner Workman casting the opposing vote), to recommend the County Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lincoln Place, a supportive housing site with 24 efficiency units located at 1997 Gold Trail, Eagan, developed by the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) opens on April 1, 2010, to serve homeless and at-risk youth age 18-25; and

WHEREAS, by Board Resolution No. 09-624 (December 15, 2009), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized a contract with The Link, a nonprofit agency with 20 years of similar experience, to provide on-site, 24/7 services at Lincoln Place through December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Community Services committed to provide \$100,000 per year for three years minimum for service funds at Lincoln Place, and Minnesota Housing will provide \$100,000 per year in an operating subsidy to The Link for an initial two years, renewable for two additional years; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Housing operating subsidy funds are not available until July 1, the beginning of the state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Place will open several months before Minnesota Housing and other State and private funds are available; and

WHEREAS, The Link has applied to the State of Minnesota to become a licensed housing with service facility in order to provide state Group Residential Housing (GRH) funded services; and

WHEREAS, in order to access GRH funds the contract with The Link must specify both base rate (housing) and supplemental rate (services); and

WHEREAS, GRH rates are established by the Legislature on a State Fiscal Year basis and are subject to change by legislative action; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the current one year contract with The Link be changed to a three year contract to allow county funds to be used as they are needed over the three years (i.e., used to assist with initial startup costs) rather than be limited to \$100,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of County funds committed to be spent over the three year period would continue to be \$300,000 pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement between the County and the CDA; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends that the contract with The Link be amended to add housing with services rates in order for The Link to access State GRH funding; and

WHEREAS, the contract with The Link contains 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to amend the contract with The Link to extend the contract period through December 31, 2012, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, and to add housing with services at the State Group Residential Housing rates as follows, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

Base Rate 1: \$846.00 per client per month; and
Supplemental Service Rate 2: \$484.05 per client per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Group Residential Housing rates are subject to change based on legislative action.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT

Each Commissioner received a copy of the Director's written report and Marilyn Loving, Interim Community Services Division Director, pointed out highlights.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was moved for adjournment by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Workman, and passed on a 6-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bisciglia
Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division