

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE**

**Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday April 12, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

Room L139, Western Service Center

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Liz Workman. 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: Brandt Richardson, County Administrator; Kelly Harder, Community Services Division Director; and Jay Stassen, County Attorney's Office.

2. REPORTS

There were no reports.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

4. AUDIENCE

Chair Workman 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 Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Krause, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the consent agenda.

6.1 Minutes of the March 15, 2011 Community Services Committee of the Whole Meeting

6.2 Update On Re-Purposing Existing Funding To Support Beyond The Yellow Ribbon In Dakota County. Information only; no action requested.

6.3 Proclamation Of Week Of The Family Child Care Provider, May 1-7, 2011

WHEREAS, Minnesota licensed family child care provider associations are celebrating May 1 - May 7, 2011 as Week of the Family Child Care Provider; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has approximately 850 licensed family child care providers; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's family child care providers serve approximately 7,000 children and their families; and

WHEREAS, many Dakota County families choose child care outside their own homes so that parents can participate in the workforce or attend school; and

WHEREAS, the care and education of Dakota County's children provided by licensed family child care providers is essential to the safety and healthy development of the children in their care; and

WHEREAS, licensed family child care providers are competent, caring, and trained child development professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of May 1-7, 2011, as *Week of the Family Child Care Provider* in Dakota County in honor of its many licensed family child care providers, and asks the community to join in recognizing the valuable contributions these family child care providers make to our community.

6.4 Proclamation Of Mental Health Month, May 2011

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Dakota County (NAMI-Dakota County) and the Dakota County Adult and Children's Mental Health Local Advisory Councils (LACs), have developed plans to bring awareness of mental health challenges and services to Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports efforts to serve the mental health needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of May 2011 to be observed as Mental Health Month in Dakota County.

6.5 Proclamation Of Foster Care Month, May 2011

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of support and identity for our citizens of all ages, is the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County residents benefit from the services of a number of different types of foster care, including homes for children with disabilities, homes for vulnerable adults, and family foster care homes; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County family foster care providers are central in our efforts to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, foster families open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis and thereby play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect to launch into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, foster families in Dakota County come from all walks of life, but share the common feature of opening their homes, their lives, and their hearts to very troubled, vulnerable people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of May 2011 to be observed as Foster Care Month in Dakota County and urges all citizens to recognize and thank the foster families for their hard work and commitment.

6.6 Authorization To Submit Application For Determination Of Need To Increase On-Site License Capacity Of ProAct, Inc.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 252.28 and Minn. Rule part 9525.0036 require that the Department of Human Services Commissioner (DHS Commissioner) determine the need for the development, modification, or termination of public and private Day Treatment and Habilitation (DT&H) services before an agency license is issued or modified; and

WHEREAS, this need is partially based upon the recommendation of the County Board of Commissioners in which the program is located and is submitted to the DHS Commissioner by the County Board via an Application for Determination of Need; and

WHEREAS, ProAct, Inc., currently provides DT&H services at 3195 Neil Armstrong Boulevard in Eagan; and

WHEREAS, ProAct, Inc., seeks approval of an Application for Determination of Need by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to increase its license capacity from 200 beds to 207 beds at its Eagan site; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the Application for Determination of Need submitted by ProAct, Inc., and supports the request to increase its on-site license capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to submit an Application for Determination of Need to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services for ProAct, Inc., to increase the license capacity at the site located at 3195 Neil Armstrong Boulevard In Eagan from 200 beds to 207 beds.

6.7 Authorization To Submit Application For Determination Of Need To Develop Day Training And Habilitation Program With Opportunity Partners, Inc.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 252.28 and Minn. Rule part 9525.0036 require that the Department of Human Services Commissioner (DHS Commissioner) determine the need for the development, modification, or termination of public and private Day Treatment and Habilitation (DT&H) services before an agency license is issued or modified; and

WHEREAS, this need is partially based upon the recommendation of the County Board of Commissioners in which the program is located and is submitted to the DHS Commissioner by the County Board via an Application for Determination of Need; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Partners, Inc., seeks approval of an Application for Determination of Need Application by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to develop a DT&H program, with a license capacity of 10, with program rates of \$78.50 for a full day, \$58.88 for a partial day and \$19.95 per day for transportation, at 1869 Robert Street, in West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, staff have reviewed the Need Determination Application submitted by Opportunity Partners, Inc., and supports the request to develop a DT&H program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to submit an Application for Determination of Need to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Opportunity Partners, Inc., to develop a DT&H program with a license capacity of 10, with program rates of \$78.50 for a full day, \$58.88 for a partial day and \$19.95 per day for transportation, at 1869 Robert Street in West St. Paul.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board Update

Mark Jacobs, Employment and Economic Assistance Deputy Director, and Cathy Weik, Dakota-Scott Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chairperson, presented on this item. Ms. Weik overviewed the leadership, mission, vision, membership, and committee structure of the WIB. Ms. Weik also reviewed 2010 labor market information, unemployment rates, and workforce center usage. The WIB has been involved with a number of companies through their dislocated worker program, including: Northwest Airlines, Tyco/ADC Telecommunications, and Smead Corporation. This item was for information-only; there was no action requested.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT

Kelly Harder, Community Services Director, provided a verbal report to the Committee.

9. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Heidi Welsch, Office of Planning and Analysis, provided a Legislative Report to the Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was moved for adjournment by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 7-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bisciglia
Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division