

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE**

**Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2011**

Room 520, Northern Service Center

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Liz Workman. Those in attendance:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas Egan
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Paul J. Krause

Also in attendance: Brandt Richardson, County Administrator; Stephanie Radtke, Community Services Division Deputy Director; and Jay Stassen, County Attorney's Office.

2. REPORTS

There were no reports.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services staff were introduced as part of the Physical Development Committee meeting.

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 THE AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Krause, and passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda.

6.1 Minutes of the June 14, 2011 Community Services Committee of the Whole Meeting

6.2 Proclamation Of Child Support Awareness Month, August 2011

WHEREAS, by investing in children we secure their future, as well as the future of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, many concerned and dedicated child support workers, clerks of court, attorneys, magistrates, and judges diligently work to establish and enforce child support obligations for over 15,000 Dakota County families each year; and

WHEREAS, August is National Child Support Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, staff requests that the County Board proclaim August as Child Support Awareness month in Dakota County to recognize the importance of the Child Support Program in helping families achieve self-sufficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August 2011 as Child Support Awareness Month in Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby extends its appreciation to the dedicated child support staff, clerks of court, attorneys, magistrates, and judges who diligently work to establish and enforce child support obligations for Dakota County families.

6.3 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With School Districts For Early Intervention Services

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services and Dakota County Public Health are partners with the county School Districts in providing interagency early intervention services to young children at risk for developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has previously had costs associated with these interagency early intervention services reimbursed by one school district serving as the fiscal agent for Dakota County Interagency Early Intervention Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education funding will flow directly to the individual school districts for school year 2011-2012 rather than to a fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS, Independent School Districts 6, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, and 200 have indicated that each intends to continue purchasing the services previously provided by Dakota County Social Services and Dakota County Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Independent School Districts 6, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, and 200 have negotiated the framework of scope and nature of services to be provided under a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for the purpose of continuing interagency early intervention services consistent countywide; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement will be offered to any and all Dakota County school districts based on the agreed services and reimbursement to be provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with any school district in the county, including Independent School Districts 6, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 199, and 200, for health and human services related interagency early intervention system services, effective upon the date of execution through June 30, 2012, containing the elements noted herein, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

7.1 REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Authorization For Sentencing To Service Program To Offer Services To Waiver And Alternative Care Clients And To Private Non-Profit Entities

Tim Cleveland, Community Corrections Deputy Director, presented on this item. Mr. Cleveland provided background information on the Sentencing to Service Program, including figures on the

number of new offenders assigned each year, the number of service hours completed, jail bed days avoided, and the estimated cost savings due to avoided jail bed days. Mr. Cleveland outlined the sources of expenses and revenue from the program and highlighted some of the community work that has been completed by the Sentencing to Service Program. There was a motion by Commissioner Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Krause, and passed on a 5-0 vote to recommend the County Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Sentencing to Service (STS) Program has been providing a cost-effective jail alternative in Dakota County since 1991; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 09-629 (December 15, 2009) the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to enter into contracts with Dakota County municipalities and to Lakeside Cemetery to provide STS crews as a way to recoup some of the costs of the STS program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Sentencing to Service Program to offer services to waiver and alternative care clients, to private non-profit entities, and to governmental entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff will investigate opportunities to expand the Sentencing to Service Program to offer services to private for-profit entities and follow-up with a recommendation to the County Board.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT

Stephanie Radtke, Deputy Director, provided a brief informational update.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was moved for adjournment by Commissioner Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Krause, and passed on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bisciglia
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