

**DAKOTA COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

**July 7, 2020
Video Conference**

Call To Order And Roll Call

Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Chris Gerlach

Also in attendance: Matt Smith, County Manager; Tom Donely, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

Due to the local state of emergency and social distancing, Commissioners participated in this meeting via telephone, and the Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting was conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m. by the Chair, Mary Liz Holberg.

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

Audience

Chair Mary Liz Holberg noted that all public comments can be sent to countyadmin@co.dakota.mn.us
As of 8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2020, none were received.

Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Liz Workman, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval Of Minutes

Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Behavioral Health Plan During COVID-19

Emily Schug, Deputy Director in Social Services presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Committee members.

Community Services Directors Report

Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Marti Fischbach as the new Community Services Director. Ms. Fischbach provided an overview of her vision and direction for the Community Services division.

Ms. Fischbach then provided some updates:

- A brief list of the services that will be opening up as part of the next return to work phase starting July 13 is as follows: adding in-person appointments for additional emergent situations in Employment and Economic Assistance; Community Corrections will start limited direct testing at the Western Service Center; the New Chance program will resume at the Juvenile Service Center; Community Corrections and Social Services are expanding circumstances under which they might meet with people in-person; some of the Accord support staff are returning; Extension will have very limited staff intermittently in Farmington; Public Health is resuming immunization clinics in August (routine childhood immunizations); Social Services continues to monitor and offer input and influence on the wind-down of regulatory waivers that were issued during the peacetime emergency.
- The Open Door held another pop-up, free food distribution event at the Northern Service Center on July 6 and it was again very successful. Twenty-two thousand pounds of food was distributed to 467 households. That equates to about 1900 individuals, and of those, 1400 were new. These pop-up events at the Northern Service Center continue to be the largest for The Open Door.
- The National Association of Counties (NACo) has announced their annual awards, of which Community Service received two that will be formally acknowledged at a later Board meeting. One is for the Lyft rideshare program and the other is in partnership with the Community Development Agency to offer smoke-free affordable housing.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division