



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

MINUTES

Date: September 18, 2024
Place: Lyon County Government Center
Commissioners Room
Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:33 a.m.
Adjourned: 10:12 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Community Health Services Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday September 18th, 2024 in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center in Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Welgraven.

Members present:	Gary Crowley	Jim Salfer
	Steve Hauswedell	Doug Nagel
	Maydra Maas	Jeane Anderson
	Mic Vandever	Rick Wakefield
	Dennis Welgraven	Lois Schmidt
	Suanne Ohme	Jackie Meier
	Greg Burger	Todd Draper
	Gary Overgaard	

Members absent:	Joan Jagt	Dan Wildermuth
	Les Nath	

Staff present:	Lisa DeBoer	Tiffany Bailey
	Nancy Walker	Stacy Jorgensen
	Chris Cauwels	Ann Orren
	Chantelle Fogelson	Cindy Nelson
	Beth Wilms	Ashley VanOverbeke
	Jenna Stephenson	Jen Nelson
	Melody Caron	

J. **Call to Order-**

K. **Consent Agenda-**

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None were presented. Chairperson Welgraven asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. There were none to identify. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 21st, 2024 minutes. None were identified. Motion by Commissioner Crowley second by Commissioner Vandevere to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

L. **Financial –**

Chairperson Welgraven stated the Financials had been received during the Human Services Board and will be moved to the Governing Board.

M. **Caseload-**

Director Wilms asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the caseload. There were none.

N. **Discussion Items-**

1. **Naloxone Access Points**

Public Health Educator Jenna Stephenson and Community Public Health Supervisor Jen Nelson came forward with information on the Naloxone Access Points. Public Health Educator Stephenson stated that we received a supply from the Steve Rumbler Hope Network out of the Twin Cities. These kits are free of charge and include Naloxone kits and fentanyl test kits. The Naloxone kit includes three doses of naloxone and three syringes along with alcohol swabs, breathing barrier and gloves. Southwest Health and Human Services did receive the intramuscular injection vs the nasal spray due to price difference. The kit does include instructions or a QR code for clients to scan to get video instructions on how to use appropriately. Southwest Health and Human Services will be Naloxone Access Point as of November 4, 2024 in our offices located in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, and Redwood County. Pipestone Medical Center and Laverne Medical Center are already current Naloxone Access Points so at this point will not have kits in those offices. The kits will be available at the front desk at these locations and all of our Office Support Specialists and anyone that covers the front desk will be trained in Overdose Response prior to launch date. These Naloxone kits are given out to anyone with no questions asked.

2. **Cannabis Update**

Public Health Educator Jenna Stephenson and Community Public Health Supervisor Jen Nelson came forward with an update on Cannabis. Public Health Educator Stephenson stated that Cannabis is coming to the horizon. In 2023 Governor Tim Walz signed a bill to legalize adult cannabis use in the State of MN. In 2024, verified social equity applicants were able to apply for preapproval for licensure. Just recently the Office of Cannabis Management published their first round of Cannabis rules for public comment. Stephenson stated that January 1st of 2025 local interim ordinance and moratoriums will be removed and we will begin full legal cannabis use in Minnesota. Stephenson provided a graph that showed why

this is a public health concern, aside from obvious. The graph shows that Cannabis today contains more than ten times as much THC, on average, than it did in the 1970s. Stephenson stated that Cannabis is not just smoked anymore and there are many methods of use and youth are using these things. Some methods include flavoring and non-smelling cannabis. Current regulations state that you have to allow at least one retail location per 12,500 residents. Stephenson has pulled the population of our six counties and Lincoln county will be required to allow at least one micro/mezzo business with retail endorsements. Lyon County will have to allow three, Murray County would have to allow one along with Pipestone County allowing one. Redwood county would have to allow two and Rock County allowing one. Stephenson shared a handout of local cannabis regulation license types and the three license types that have retail would be Mezzobusiness, Microbusiness, and retail. Zoning considerations along with local government control would be good things to look at when developing local ordinances. Community Public Health Supervisor Jen Nelson made an important comment that if a city chooses to do nothing and doesn't put an ordinance in place, the City is wide open and anyone could come into the City and do anything they want in regards to Cannabis businesses if the state licenses the establishment. Nelson did state they have a model ordinance and part of Stephenson's role is to help counties and cities write these ordinances.

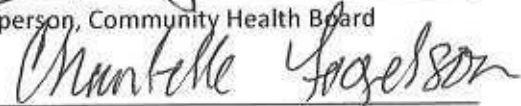
O. Decision Items-

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there was anything further to bring to the Board. Hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am.

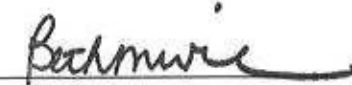
Approved Date 10-16-2024

Authorized


Chairperson, Community Health Board


Recording Secretary, Community Services Board

Attest:


Director