



SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

Date: April 16, 2025

Place: Lyon County Government Center

Commissioners Room

Marshall, Minnesota

Opened: 9:27 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:06 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Governing Board for Southwest Health and Human Services was held on Wednesday April 16, 2025 in the Commissioners Room in the Lyon County Government Center Marshall, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Welgraven.

Members present:

Gary Crowley
Gary Overgaard
Maydra Maas
Dennis Welgraven
Suanne Ohme
Jim Salfer
Dean Nielsen
Jackie Meier

Todd Draper
Doug Nagel
Jeane Anderson
Lois Schmidt
Steve Hauswedell
Dan Wildermuth
Les Nath
Rick Wakefield

Members absent:

Joan Jagt

Greg Burger

Staff present:

Lisa DeBoer
Beth Wilms
Cindy Nelson

Carol Biren
Chantelle Fogelson
Nancy Walker

N. Call to Order

O. Consent Agenda-

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none. Chairperson Welgraven asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to identify. None were identified. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting. None were identified. Motion by Commissioner Crowley, second by Commissioner Meier to approve the agenda with the addition and the board minutes as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

P. Financials-

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the financial report as given during the Human Services Board meeting. There were none. Motion by Commissioner Nelson second by Commissioner Meier to approve the financial report as brought forward by the Human Services and Community Health Boards. The motion carried unanimously.

Q. Human Resources Statistics-

Director Beth Wilms asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the statistics that were provided. There were none.

R. Discussion/Information Items-

1. Directors Update

Director, Beth Wilms, gave an update on the different legislative changes and they are on break this week. Wilms also gave an update on the budget and plan on getting the worksheets to the Board starting in May. Wilms gave an update on "The Act" bill that is looking to be implemented by 2027. Wilms also shared that she will be retiring and her last day with Southwest Health and Human Services will be July 18, 2025.

S. Decision Items-

1. Julia Feher, County Agency Social Worker- Child Protection, probationary appointment (12 months), \$26.1 hourly, effective 06/16/2025- Slayton Office

Motion by Commissioner Hauswedell second by Commissioner Wildermuth to approve the probationary appointments as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Private Paid Family leave- RFP- Nancy Walker

Deputy Director, Nancy Walker, came forward with a request for permission to be part of the request for proposal through Integrity Benefits. Walker stated there would be advertisements in the local six County newspapers. The requested proposal has to be in the paper by May 5th, and the due date back to integrity benefits is May 27th and in June or July Integrity Benefits will come back with the analysis and the proposed rates. Come August or September we would have a successful private insurance for Paid Family Leave. Walker stated we would be providing rates to the employees at open enrollment. Motion by Commissioner Welgraven second by Commissioner Welgraven to approve the request for the proposal to be advertised and participate with the private insurance through integrity Benefits, second by Commissioner Draper. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Donations

- Donation of three suitcases by Valerie Buysse to be used for foster children.
- Donation of 2329 diapers and 1100 wipes from Living Word Church for children in foster care.
- Donation of toys for various ages donated by Wendy Swanson for children in foster care or child protection.

Motion by Commissioner Wildermuth, second by Commissioner Crowley to accept the donations and send thank you notes for the donations. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Contracts

- **Lac qui Parle Family Services (Madison, MN)** - 02/05/25 – 12/31/25; contract for case management services for referred child protection investigations, \$35/hour plus mileage at IRS rate (NEW). *Fiscal Note:*
- **Lamar (Sioux Falls, SD)** – 03/01/25 to 09/30/25; billboard extension for Drug Free Communities grant, outside of Pipestone, \$2900 (renewal). *Fiscal Note:*

Motion by Commissioner Overgaard second by Commissioner Crowley to approve the contracts as listed. The Motion carried unanimously.

T. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Welgraven asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Approved Date_____

Authorized_____

Chairperson, SWHHS Governing Board

Recording Secretary, SWHHS Governing Board

Attest: _____
Director