

STEARNS COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATION CENTER – ROOM 499
DECEMBER 13, 2018
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eunice Adjei, Nancy Betts, Rod Gerads, Brian Junkermeier, Kelly Korpela, Tom Lanz, Sally Larson, Virginia Riser, Paul Thinesen, Mari Walker, Danny Wold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jama Alimad, Anne Buckvold, Grace Eggert, Jeff Mergen, Dan Payne

CALL TO ORDER: ROD GERADS, CHAIR: Chair Rod Gerads called the meeting to order at 3:30PM

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Danny Wold made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting; Paul Thinesen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tom Lanz made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Eunice Adjei seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TASK FORCE REPORTS:

Social Services Task Force: Chair Virginia Riser reported that the task force is working on what attributes and qualities we believe every child should have. This is an ongoing study, there will be conclusions in a month or two.

Community Corrections Advisory Board: Tom Lanz reported the advisory board viewed a video that shows good safety practices when meeting with clients in an interview room. General safety practices were also discussed. The interview rooms in the remodeled area of the Service Center have been designed with additional safety measures in mind, such as separate doors at opposite ends of the room, one for the employee and one for the client.

Becky Bales Cramlet reviewed the organizational chart and the vacant positions in the division. Members that attended the MACCAC conference shared their experience, the focus of the conference was technology.

Members who are leaving the CCAB were acknowledged and thanked for their service: Commissioner Mareck, Tiffany Thompson, and Marlene Otte.

Mental Health Task Force: Chair Paul Thinesen reported the Mental Health Task Force does not meet in December. Fortunately, Julie Ellis has received several applications for the openings on the task force.

Human Services Meeting Dates, Time, and Location

A motion was made and seconded to continue to have the meetings on the second Thursday of the month, 3:30-5:00PM at the Administration Center. The motion carried.

Sheryl will schedule some of the meetings at other locations such as the Service Center after the remodeling project is done. This would allow for the advisory committee members could take a tour of the new spaces. Or at the Community OutPost in April or May. Citizens may feel more comfortable attending the meeting if it were not at the Administration Center. Other potential locations are: Melrose, or St. Joseph.

HSAC Chair Recommendation: A motion was made and seconded to recommend Rod Gerads as the chair for the advisory committee in 2019. Motion carried. The recommendation will be on the consent agenda for the Human Services Board meeting on January 8, 2019.

Task Force Resignations and Appointments

Resignations:	Task Force:	Representing:	Action:
Joan Eisenbacher	Mental Health	Parent of Child/Adolescent with SED	Accept Resignation
Betty Mrozek	Mental Health	Consumer Representing Adults	Accept Resignation
Kelly Quade	Mental Health	Family Member of and Adult with MI	Accept Resignation
Colleen Stedham	Mental Health	Adolescent Services Provider	Accept Resignation
Carol Potter	Mental Health	Representing Schools	Accept Resignation

Virginia Riser made a motion to accept the task force resignations; Brian Junkermeier seconded it, motion carried.

Appointments:	Task Force:	Representing:	Action: Appoint for 3 year term
Elysia Peterson	Mental Health	Parent of Child/Adolescent with SED	1-1-19 – 12-31-21
Tara Lebrun	Mental Health	Consumer Representing Adults	1-1-19 – 12-31-21
David Oehrlein	Mental Health	Family Member of and Adult with MI	1-1-19 – 12-31-21
Britta Crooks	Mental Health	Adolescent Services Provider	1-1-19 – 12-31-21
Leo Pusateri	Mental Health	Representing Schools	1-1-19 – 12-31-21
Brad Duea	Social Services	Health Services/Community Representative	1-1-19 – 12-31-21

Brian Junkermeier made a motion to approve the appointments to the task forces; Eunice Adjei seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Task Force Chairs:

Paul Thinesen agreed to continue to chair the Mental Health Task Force. Virginia Riser agreed to continue to chair the Social Services Task Force.

Human Services Education Campaign Exercise - Examples of Campaign Art: Peggy Sammons, Planning Coordinator

At the last meeting the story of Tom and Mary Ann was selected as the first Truth Be Told education campaign.

The narrative was placed in different poster designs for the advisory committee members to review. One of the posters had the Stearns County Human Services branding (blue swish with the county logo). Also a page of the text Truth Be Told in different fonts and different colors was made available for review.

The members selected the poster with the Stearns County Human Services branding and the picture of the couple. The poster/story will be translated to other languages, the picture will be changed to coincide with the language.

Additional data that could be added to the poster or an electronic link from an online version of the poster is: census data, county population, the definition of medical assistance, establishing a power of attorney and a living will.

In the "Did you know?" box, there could be information about waivers. What does waiver mean? How do you access a waiver? What are the eligibility requirements? What if you are disabled but you have assets?

The information from the poster would be added to the county social media sites, it could be in newspapers, electronic and paper, it can be made into a trifold hand-out or placed in a church newsletter. Janet Midas is the county public relations contact, she would push it out to radio stations, newspapers, etc. across the county. Tri folds could be placed in libraries, senior centers, and other providers who work with the county.

The goal is to inform people about the various services that are provided by the Human Services Department. People may see a service that they could benefit from but they would need to contact the

county and have their eligibility reviewed. There may be a different program or community resource that could help if they do not meet the government eligibility requirements.

Some other changes to the poster:

- Add population data, baby boomers statistic
 - Link to caregivers in the county
 - Instead of MAARC, use the words “vulnerable adult”
 - Provide information about Medicaid vs. MN medical assistance
 - Put these definitions in the did you know section
 - Medicare
 - Medicaid
 - MN Med assistance
 - Include budget information – nursing home care vs. person staying in their home with support services
 - Make the link to *contact Stearns County Human Services for more information* more prominent.
- Changes will be made to the poster, online examples will be made, we will gather more feedback on this project.

Other:

CentraCare Health, Benton County, and Stearns County are conducting community conversations. The three primary topics are building families, social isolation, and mental health well-being. The email with the community conversation information will be sent to the advisory committee members. The link to a web based survey will also be sent.

Adjourn

Paul Thinesen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Danny Wold seconded it. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 3:30PM in room 499.