

**RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2020**  
**County Board Room**

**Members Present:** Tonya Fitzgerald; Chair, Jane DuBois, Lloyd Erbaugh, Chris Fowler, Mark Johnson, Cassey Lake, Dawnya Mohs, Andrew Petrenko, Kent Robbins, Gigi Soud, Kristin Vierow, Mike Vogel, Michael Wilcox

**Members Absent:** Sarah Beckius, Richard Pfau, Noelle Rodriguez

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Barb Weckman-Brekke

**Staff Present:**

Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

Suzanne Arntson, Child Welfare Manager

Steve Brown, Children's Mental Health/CD Supervisor

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

**I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:**

Chair Tonya Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.

**II. MINUTES:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resource Council minutes of August 19, 2019 and November 18, 2019 Motion carried.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig:**

- Pam updated the Resource Council about the GC II new building construction.
  - Building construction is on schedule at this time.
  - Government Center Health and Human Services 3<sup>rd</sup> floor employees should be able to move in to the Government Center II building in April or May of 2021 (approximately).
  - A delay of about eight months in moving Health and Human Services CareerForce employees is expected due to renovations and HVAC work planned for Government Center I (GCI). For cost savings, staff in GCI will be temporarily evacuated to the new building in order to complete HVAC work at one time.
- A plan for a homeless shelter in Scott County is on hold for the time being. Conversations on solving homelessness continue in the communities and county.
  - A grant of \$50,000 from the Schulze Family Foundation will help provide emergency housing for some of Scott County's homeless population. Contact Pam Selvig, [pselvig@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:pselvig@co.scott.mn.us) or Danielle Fox, Adult Services Manager, at [dfox@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:dfox@co.scott.mn.us) about this topic.

- **NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNITY INPUT**

- **Program Spotlight – Children’s Mental Health/Chemical Dependency – Steve Brown and Suzanne Arntson**

- Members received a PowerPoint presentation and handout from Steve that contained an overview of Children’s Mental Health (CMH) and Chemical Dependency (CD) Services.
- Steve outlined Eligibility and Referrals and Case Management in CMH.
  - Children must have a Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED - Diagnostic Assessment).
  - A new intake process – Presumptive Eligibility allows children to get access to Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services without having to wait for their application to be fully processed.
  - The severity and complexity of CMH cases has increased.
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) work is done - family preservation and placement prevention; respite planning and funding.
- Scott County CD unit provides services for the underinsured or not insured client
  - Referrals can come from legal connections, hospitals or detox centers, other County services, or self/family.
  - Rule 25 Assessments (Chemical Use Assessments) are used to determine what level of treatment is needed.
  - Prepetition Screenings for Civil Commitment (Assessment and review) could be used if statutory threshold is met to support involuntary commitment
  - Case management is provided for involuntary clients under commitment proceedings.
- The Council discussed the need for more facilities/services. Scott County has a men’s facility but not women’s or minor’s facilities in the county.
- New on the horizon is the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) reform
  - Direct access reform for assessment and treatment.
  - County will no longer have Rule 25 responsibility or placement authority. New types of services will be available. For example: peer recovery, treatment coordination, and withdrawal management.

- **Scott County Disparity Issues – Pam Selvig**

- Pam presented a PowerPoint on Scott County resident demographics and employee diversity. Scott County resident demographics are changing rapidly and we hope the employee demographics evolve to match these changes.
- The County Board adopted the objective, Performance: Identify and implement changes to service delivery leading to improved outcomes, as a

long term goal. One of the strategies under Performance is: Recruit, retain, and support a high-quality, culturally-informed workforce.

- The data shows disparate outcomes are evident for certain populations within the County. Data shows an overrepresentation of people of color within child welfare, criminal justice, economic assistance, and homelessness.
- Next steps are:
  - Developing and implementing an organizational plan to reduce disparities in outcomes for all residents
  - Explore creative recruitment options to attract a high quality, diverse workforce that reflects the County’s communities.
  - Develop and implement a framework for community engagement.
  - Employee Engagement: trainings, staff survey, and a focus on recruitment and retention.
- Resource Council members gave feedback/thoughts from their perspective.

- **2020 MN Legislation – Pam Selvig**

- Even numbered years are often referred to as “bonding” years. Odd numbered years as “budgeting” years. The Legislature will consider initiatives to support local or non-State-owned capital projects.
- The County Board and local Legislators met and three items made the list of priority platforms: Community Corrections increasing funding for County run programs, increase funding for full continuum of Mental Health issues, and a housing initiative- housing vouchers to homeless and increase the number of available homeless vouchers.
- Pam will send out legislation information to the Council members by email.

- **Motion to allow voting by email**

- A motion to allow members to vote electronically when there is no quorum was made by Chris Fowler. Seconded by Mike Vogel. The motion carried.

#### **IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

#### **V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 18, 2020 MEETING**

Suggestions for May Meeting:

- a). Spotlight program – Adult Protection and Disability Services
- b). Federal Budget as it pertains to HHS
- c). ACEs info
- d). Suicide prevention/awareness

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.