

RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Sarah Beckius, Jane DuBois, Lloyd Erbaugh, Tonya Fitzgerald, Farheen Hassan, Cassey Lake, Andrew Petrenko, Kent Robbins, Noelle Rodriguez, Gigi Soud, Brenda Torgerson, Kristin Vierow, Dr. Michael Wilcox

Members Absent: Chris Fowler, Dawnya Mohs

Commissioners Present:

Barbara Weckman Brekke

Staff Present:

Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

Lisa Brodsky, Public Health Director

Danielle Fox, Adults Services Manager

Peter Goldstein, Housing Coordinator

Daniel Lauer-Schumacher, Housing Coordinator

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:

In the absence of Chair and Vice-Chair, Tonya Fitzgerald acted as Chair and called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions were done.

Thank you to Richard Pfau, Chair, for his service on the Human Services Resource Council and good luck on his move to North Dakota.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made (Kent Robbins) and seconded (Cassey Lake) to approve the Resource Council minutes of February 8, 2021. Motion carried.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig:

- Scott County will reopen to the public on June 14th. Work on parking lots surrounding the Government Center East and West is being done prior to opening. Parking lots will be resurfaced, and new lighting installed in some. The June 14th opening will allow staff adequate notice to prepare to come back to work on site.
- Exciting things are happening in Children's Services.
 - HHS has received Board approval to accept grant funds, in the amount not to exceed \$385,000 over three years, from the Sauer Family Foundation to implement a Family Resource Center model for families of young children. The primary focus will be on meeting families' multiple intersecting needs by creating a universal access point to services in the community they live. Pam shared a one-page information sheet on Scott County Family Resource Centers. An operational soft

launch is planned for the beginning of July, with a more public media campaign planned for autumn.

- Health and Human Services will seek Board approval for application and acceptance of additional grant funds from Sauer Family Foundation to implement a Community Prevention Response (CPR) Unit. The CPR Unit would work to align internal efforts and mobilize community resources (e.g, schools, non-profits, faith communities, businesses, etc.) to support families at the earliest point possible with the goal of preventing entry into involuntary services. The development of a prevention, community-based service array will reduce the impact of trauma while building family resiliency and capacity. A full-time Together WE CAN Coordinator would be hired if grant funds are received.

- **Program Spotlight – Homelessness – Danielle Fox, Peter Goldstein, and Daniel Lauer-Schumacher**

- Danielle and team gave a high-level overview of the complex issue of homelessness. The team gave a PowerPoint presentation and used handouts with more information.
- The Adult Services housing team is currently serving 49 single adult households that are experiencing homelessness. Homelessness was defined as: residing outside, in a shelter, or in a place not meant for human habitation.
- The County's role is growing as need grows.
- "Heading Home" is a team of providers in partnership helping across the community. They help maximize resources and help find/provide housing.
- The County role has multiple aspects; Convener of partners, Coordination, Quality assurance, Data management, Resource sharing/technical assistance, and Grant application and management.
- The Resource Council members will receive, via email, the documents mentioned during the presentation by Dan and Peter. They are Goals and Strategies for Ending Homelessness in Scott County and the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Update.
- A Housing Blueprint where partners come together to list/guide what is thought to be future building needs is a new part of the plan.
- Challenges to find housing for clients can include often waiting for a voucher, getting accepted for housing, or even finding a vacancy.
- Successes have been seeing an end to Veterans' homelessness, Coordinated Entry System (creates a clear pathway of housing resources and helps prioritize the most vulnerable and longest homeless households), and Housing Stabilization Services.
- Adult Services continues to use grant opportunities to expand housing/homelessness services.

- **COVID 19 Update – Public Health**

- Lisa Brodsky, Public Health Director, provided an update on Scott County's COVID-19.
- Scott County has seen an increase in the B117 COVID 19 variant for ages 0-17.
- Public Health is planning and holding small targeted clinics in the communities to reach populations with barriers to receiving vaccine.

- Large clinics will continue to be held in May to administer the second doses of vaccine to those who have already received their first dose through Scott County Public Health.
- Vaccination clinics in schools for 12-15-year-old children will be held.
- Public Health hopes to have all eligible children, that wish to be vaccinated, done by the end of June.
- Public Health will be conducting a COVID 19 impact survey. The team will interview between 500-1,000 community residents.
- **Election of Chair**
 - Kent Robbins made a motion to elect Tonya Fitzgerald as Chair of the Human Services Resource Council for the remainder of 2021. Lloyd Erbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST MEETING

- Suggestions for August Meeting:
 - Spotlight program – Family Resource Centers
 - COVID Update

Future Agenda Items – November Meeting

- Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) - Guild, Inc. Update
- Results of the Public Health COVID 19 impact survey

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2021