

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on July 19, 2022 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Beth Schlangen, Scott Johnson, Ed Popp, Jared Gapinski and Steve Heinen present. Call to order by Human Services Board Chair Johnson was at 11:07 AM.

Motion by Heinen and seconded by Gapinski to approve the agenda as written.

Heinen/Popp to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 3: 1) approve the Human Services Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign; 2) approve the revisions to the County Crisis Program and Emergency General Assistance Plan; 3) approve the MN Department of Human Services Contract to Participate in the Local Collaborative Time Study and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Community Health Administrator Jaclyn Litfin requested the Human Services Board approve the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. The three Public Health Agencies include the counties of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns, along with CentraCare Health System have developed a partnership called the Central Minnesota Alliance. Every three years, CentraCare is required to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment and develop an Implementation Strategy to address identified needs. At the same time, all Local Public Health Agencies in Minnesota are required to complete this same type of assessment and an improvement plan every five years. Local Public Health aligned with CentraCare to complete this work, as a region, every three years. This essential collaboration between hospitals and public health is important in order to address population health needs and to decrease the duplicative nature of these requirements. Therefore, this document serves as the Community Health Implementation Strategy for CentraCare and serves as the Community Health Improvement Plan for Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns Counties as required under the Local Public Health Act. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Popp to approve the Community Health Improvement Plan for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Schlangen stated she could not read the charts on pages 92 to 102 in the packet. County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested Litfin to provide Schlangen with readable charts on pages 92 to 102. Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioners Johnson, Heinen, Gapinski and Popp voting "aye" and Schlangen voting "no".

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.

Scott Johnson, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator