

RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES

August 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Tonya Fitzgerald; Chair, Richard Pfau; Vice-Chair, Lloyd Erbaugh, Chris Fowler, Cassey Lake, Noelle Rodriguez, Kristin Vierow, Dr. Michael Wilcox

Members Absent: Sarah Beckius, Jane Dubois, Mark Johnson, Dawnya Mohs, Andrew Petrenko, Kent Robbins, Gigi Soud

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Barb Weckman-Brekke

Staff Present:

Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

Brittani Bussie, Adult Protection and Disability Services Supervisor

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:

Chair Tonya Fitzgerald called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. MINUTES:

Members will vote by email to approve the Resource Council minutes of February 10, 2020 as a quorum of voting members was not in attendance during the Zoom meeting.

The May meeting was cancelled.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig:

- Pam updated the Resource Council about some of the ways COVID-19 is changing the way services are delivered to Scott County Health and Human Services clients. (see more information from Pam under New Business in the meeting minutes.)
 - With guidance from the State about changes to service delivery, supervisors and managers will update their Operational Service Plans and these changes will be communicated to staff.
- Public Health is partnering with the State Department of Health, Dr. Wilcox, community paramedics, and other partners to hold free COVID-19 testing events for the public at various places in Scott County through September. According to Dr. Wilcox, turnaround time for test results are within two or three days.
- Approximately 800 people were tested at the first event held at Canterbury Park in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Public Health staff are doing COVID-19 investigations and contact tracing.
- The MN Department of Health is looking at the Scott County model of testing and follow up investigations and contact tracing to possibly use as a state model in other places within the state.

- The new Government Center II building construction is on target. HHS will begin moving in March or April 2021.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNITY INPUT

- **Program Spotlight – Adult Protection and Disability Services – Brittani Bussie**
 - Members received an Adult Services Waiver Case Management and Adult Protection update through a PowerPoint and talk presented by Supervisor, Brittani Bussie.
 - Waiver programs are designed to support persons to live as individuals in the community. Home and Community Care, Developmental Disabilities and Contracted Case Managers serve clients. Scott County staff provides 40% and Contracted Case Managers provide 60% of the services.
 - Waiver programs are currently serving 1,413 clients. In 2015, 10% of clients were over 65 years of age. In 2045, it is projected there will be 28% of clients over 65.
 - There are six waiver programs and each one has its own criteria for assessment.
 - As requested by the advisory council, contact information for the Home & Community Care MnCHOICES Assessors Team is: 952-496-8556.
 - Adult Protection is a mandated essential Health and Human Services program which responds to reports of suspected maltreatment and protects the most vulnerable.
 - In 2015, Minnesota switched to one central reporting center. The Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) accepts reports 24/7. The suspected maltreatment reports are then sent to the correct investigative agency.
 - Scott County has a two-path response approach: Investigations and Adult Services.
 - Suspected Maltreatment Investigations are mandated if criteria is met and are involuntary.
 - Adult Services provide outreach and referral to connect persons to resources. Adult Services is proactive, not mandated, and voluntary.
 - There have been 272 MAARC reports so far for 2020. 81% were screened out, 11 % investigated and 8% were Adult Services outreach and referral.
 - After the meeting, Brittani shared the requested Adult Services Demographics information last done in 2018. Jane sent it, via email, to the Resource Council members.
 - Community members can help the vulnerable population in their neighborhoods by building rapport, getting involved, and offering to help.
- **HHS Waivers and New Ways of Doing Business – Pam Selvig**
 - Health and Human Services continues to serve Scott County residents during COVID-19. Most services are done virtually when possible.

- Face to face contacts and home visits occur if needed to ensure safety; i.e. child or adult protection.
- Operational Services plans by unit are on the Scott County website: [Scott County COVID-19 Response](#)
- Legislation was required for Human Services Waivers. Counties worked closely with the Department of Human Services to ensure timely and adequate continuation of services for some of our vulnerable populations.
- Some waivers have been continued until June 30, 2021 to allow the Legislature to consider what may be appropriate to become permanent.
- The County is seeing both pros and cons with working virtually. Some efficiencies have been found, but personal connections/relationships benefit from in-person connections.
- A gradual reopening of County services based on safety, CDC guidelines, Governor recommendations/orders will take place.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated funds to local governments throughout the state. Scott County has received \$17.7 million.
 - At the August 4th Board meeting, support for businesses, housing, and rural broadband were approved. Funds for support of schools, food, and nonprofit assistance programs will also be considered at the August 18th Board meeting. Remaining funds will help cover County costs due to COVID-19.
 - The business recovery program will be administered by NextStage, a local non-profit. Applications will be accepted August 19 – August 27. Pam has a one-page fact sheet she will send out to Council members right away via email.
 - No application information for housing support is, as yet, available from the State.
 - Other groups will administer program funds and reach out directly to areas approved by the Board.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING

- Suggestions for November Meeting:
 - Spotlight program – Public Health-Family Home Visiting
 - Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) update
 - Ways we are supporting mental health in our schools, the elderly, and undocumented families during the pandemic

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.