

RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 25, 2019
County Board Room

Members Present: Noelle Rodriguez; Chair, Richard Pfau; Vice-Chair, Cassey Lake, Tonya Fitzgerald, Mark Johnson, Mike Vogel, Linda Green, Jane DuBois, Andrew Petrenko, Kristin Vierow, Dr. Michael Wilcox, Josh Berg, Sarah Beckius

Members Absent: Dawnya Mohs

Commissioners Present:
Commissioner Barb Weckman Brekke

Staff Present:
Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director
Barb Dahl, Social Service Director
Danielle Fox, Adult Services Manager
Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:

Chair Noelle Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the County Board Room. New members: Jane DuBois, Linda Green, and Kristin Vierow were welcomed.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes.
Motion carried.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig:

- Pam updated the Resource Council about plans for an Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) in Scott County:
 - The IRTS facility is a collaboration between Scott County, the City of Savage, the Scott County Community Development Authority, Guild, Inc, and Dakota County.
 - A Savage location has been determined for the 16 bed facility and will include both 90 day IRTS beds and 10 day Crisis beds.
 - The IRTS facility will be on the agenda at the March 20th meeting at the Savage City Hall at 7:00 pm. Pam would like to encourage the Resource Council members to attend this public meeting.
 - HHS is hoping for final approval from Savage in April allowing construction to begin in May or June.
 - Guild, Inc. will be the service provider.
 - Scott County has applied for a grant for an additional 3.1 million for the facility. Pam hopes the recent DHS request for further information is a positive sign some grant money will be awarded.

- The facility will dedicate one bed for Scott County residents in need. Residents from other counties will be able to use the facility as well.
- Pam informed the members about the progress of the new Government Center II building.
 - A study was done in 2016 to forecast Government Center campus space needs to accommodate a growing county population through 2040. A final report was submitted to the County Board in September 2017. The County Board considered all options before supporting the building of a new facility on campus as the best plan to meet the county's needs.
 - The County Board authorized the issuance and sale of bonds at the February 19th Board meeting.
 - All areas of HHS will be housed in the new building except for the Juvenile Alternative Facility (JAF).
 - The first phase is projected to start in May 2019 and will include the demolition of the Conference Center and horseshoe parking lot at the present day main entrance.
 - Construction is expected to take about two years. This time frame includes the new building and the renovations to the current Government Center and Justice Center.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNITY INPUT

- Canvas Health Update- Barb Dahl/Danielle Fox
 - A Canvas Health fact sheet, business card, and flyer were handed out to Council members.
 - Some background information on Scott County's Mobile Mental Health Crisis Services was provided.
 - Data comparing 2016 with 2018 (3/4 year data) shows a significant increase in services.
 - The Canvas Health Mental Health Crisis team is meeting with clients in their own home if possible. This less restrictive/preferred option and support is keeping clients out of the hospital when appropriate more often.
 - Canvas Health has connected and strengthened partnerships with Law Enforcement, internal partners such as the Mental Health Center, and community partners such as the schools.
 - The Crisis Team has gone on "ride alongs" with Law Enforcement and most Law Enforcement staff has completed 40 hours of crisis training.
 - Scott County is utilizing several avenues to manage budget like participating in Statewide planning efforts, managing legislative changes impacting budget, and completing a State grant application to compete for limited funds available.
 - The Crisis Team is available for outreach to groups. Please contact Canvas Health at 952-818-3702.

- Housing and Homelessness Challenges in Scott County-Danielle Fox /Barb Dahl
 - Using materials from the February 19th session of Scott County Delivers - Life Cycle Housing, Danielle and Barb presented information, handed out a 2017 County Housing Profile fact sheet, and answered questions from the Council members.

- The objective to create housing options that give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable, and affordable homes is a core Board strategy.
 - On the positive side, Scott County has several community groups that meet independently and collectively to identify and address homelessness and housing concerns.
 - On the negative side, there are no emergency shelter options in Scott County for single adults and community employment options don't match the local housing market.
 - Needs related to life cycle housing and homelessness are significant and will require prioritization and partnership.
 - Next steps - There is not just one answer. Next steps will need to be determined with feedback from citizens and by county and local community leadership as they work to identify the solutions that will work for Scott County.
- Legislative Priorities-Pam Selvig
 - Scott County is watching a number of bills this legislative session. The County's legislative platforms include four Health and Human Services areas. They are the following:
 - ✓ Maintain health insurance for low income Minnesotans. As the 2% Provider Tax is set to expire, Scott County opposes approaches that result in cost shifts or funding reductions to counties to cover these populations.
 - ✓ Provide adequate funding for infrastructure and continuum of care for the mental health system. Of special concern is the funding for mobile crises response services, but a shortage of funds in general results in counties providing varying levels of financial support for these services.
 - ✓ Increase Access to Basic Sliding Fee Child Care. Scott County has a wait list for child care assistance which creates a barrier to employment.
 - ✓ Eliminate Child Protection Withhold Requirements (20 % withhold based on two performance measures). Withholding the funding causes a delay and inability to plan for the operating budget and creates barriers for underperforming counties.
 - Vitals Aware Services -Scott County was not awarded a grant for Vitals Aware Services. Sheriff Hennen will continue to look for ways to fund the service that can help authorized first responders defuse interactions safely and effectively with individuals with visible and invisible disabilities via a secure, mobile app.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 20, 2019 MEETING

Suggestions for May Meeting: a). Foster America Fellow - Heather Wilson
b). Treatment Court Update

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.