

RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Tonya Fitzgerald; Chair, Sarah Beckius, Fredrick Ehlers, Lloyd Erbaugh, Jerry Finkel, Farheen Hassan, Amanda Knoll, Suresh Nair, Sally Stockey, Dr. Michael Wilcox

Members Absent: Jane DuBois, Brenda Torgerson, Kristin Vierow

Guests: Soniya Coutinho and Roger Meyer - Mighty Consulting

Commissioners Present: None

Staff Present:

Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

Suzanne Arntson, Child Welfare Manager

Lisa Brodsky, Public Health Director

Nikki Hallberg, Community Prevention Response Supervisor

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:

Tonya Fitzgerald: Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Introductions were done.

II. MINUTES:

Motion was made (Lloyd Erbaugh) and seconded (Farheen Hassan) to approve the Resource Council minutes of November 15, 2021. Motion carried.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Pam Selvig, Health and Human Services Director

- The CareerForce Center or Workforce Center building is now closed. All CareerForce Center HHS staff have been moved to Government Center West. The City of Shakopee and Canterbury Park plan to develop the area.

IV. New Business/Community Input

- **Family Resource Centers (FRC) – Suzanne Arntson and Nikki Hallberg**
 - Nikki Hallberg gave the Resource Council a high-level introduction and update on Scott County Family Resource Centers. The website is:
www.scottcountymn.gov/frc

- The three Scott County Family Resource Centers provide a universal access point to connect with coordinated services. The three Centers are the Shakopee Library, the Jordan Area Food Shelf, and the River Valley YMCA.
 - Programs at each center are tailored to the culture, resources, and needs of the community they serve.
 - Family Resource Centers are expanding. The Shakopee location will expand to 20 hours a week and will be available 4-5 days a week beginning in March 2022. The FRC in Jordan will also increase outreach at the Jordan Community Center and the Valley Green Community Center monthly. The FRC will be present at the Prior Lake Farmer's Market beginning in the Spring 2022.
 - The PowerPoint viewed by the members will be sent out with the meeting minutes.
- **COVID 19 Update– Lisa Brodsky**
 - It has been 700 days since the first case of COVID-19 in Minnesota. In Scott County, there have been 39,231 COVID cases and 246 deaths since the pandemic began.
 - Public Health will continue to test for COVID-19 (molecular test) at the Shakopee Library through February. Public Health is seeing fewer positive test results. The need for testing has decreased. Availability of over-the-counter tests has increased.
 - Vaccinations will continue to be offered on Wednesdays at the Government Center West in Public Health through February.
 - Vaccinations for ages 5 & under have been delayed.
 - Public Health has purchased 25,000 KN95 masks for the community. These will be distributed.
 - As long as no other variants of concern appear, we should move into COVID-19 recovery in the spring. COVID-19 is not yet endemic but medical experts expect it will become endemic. The world is still experiencing repeated outbreaks of COVID. Endemic is used to describe a disease that persistently and regularly spreads within a particular area or region (like the flu) never fully going away.
 - May is mental health month. Public Health is hoping to start in-person meetings again.
 - **Mental Health Crises Center Feedback – Soniya Coutinho and Roger Meyer - Mighty Consulting**
 - The Scott County Board is exploring options on how to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. One idea is a Scott County Mental Health Crisis Center.
 - The Crisis Center would need to be built by 2024 to access ARPA funding.
 - Roger Meyer and Soniya Coutinho of Mighty Consulting are at the Resource Council meeting in order to listen and get input on what a Scott County Crisis Center should look like. Mighty Consulting will be meeting with

various groups like Guild, Inc., and Canvas Health in the County to get feedback.

- The Center would serve people in Scott County in need of immediate mental or chemical health crisis services.
- Roger asked, “What are the most pressing challenges that a crisis center facility could address? What ideas do you have for what would happen; what services would be provided when a Scott County resident arrives at the Crisis Center?”
- Responses from the Resource Council were:
 - ✧ Could serve as a landing pad -access and then connection to a different place for help.
 - ✧ A housing intake place for the homeless.
 - ✧ Provide paramedic partners in the facility
 - ✧ Family/child therapy or referrals for the family. Intervention for the family not just the child.
 - ✧ After hours operation for people in crisis.
 - ✧ Help relieve the emergency room to serve persons coming with mental health crises
 - ✧ Provide early detection outreach and education programs.
 - ✧ Support for all people in the community across ethnicity and languages.
 - ✧ Help young and old alike.
 - ✧ Offer immediate help as in substance abuse assessments, telehealth assessment or same day walk in psychiatry.
 - ✧ Take a holistic approach to serving. Look at the barriers to accessing the resources; barriers such as transportation, childcare, cost of service, no insurance.
 - ✧ Put money into the services and not the building.
- The suggestion was offered to use Family Resource Centers and their clients to complete a survey of what they need or want to see in the Crisis Center.
- A good resource for understanding the South Metro Crisis System:
<https://southmetrroundtable.org/>

○ **Other**

- There was discussion on several issues of race, equity, and how to move forward.
- Lloyd Erbaugh offered to connect the Resource Council members to a discussion group called Community Coffee & Conversations in the Prior Lake community. Lloyd will send out contact information on the group if Resource Council members would like to get on the email distribution list to receive information on future events.
- Also discussed was the shortage of home health care workers. Health care providers in all areas of health care are needed. What can be done about this crisis? What is the County’s role? One response was advocating at the Legislative level.

- Pam Selvig invited and led new members in an orientation session on January 24th. If there is interest in a one-on-one session with Pam, please contact her at pselvig@co.scott.mn.us.

- **Election of Vice-Chair**

- At the request of Commissioner Beard, Kent Robbins left the Resource Council to serve on a different advisory committee. An election of Vice-Chair is necessary to fill the vacancy.
- Jerry Finkel made a motion to elect Amanda Knoll as Human Services Resource Council Vice-Chair for 2022. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. Amanda Knoll is our new Vice-Chair.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY MEETING

- Suggestions for May 2022 Meeting:
 - Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) - Guild, Inc. Update
 - Racial and Equity Work being done in Scott County
 - Get to know Resource Council members better at a future meeting
 - An inclusive workforce at Scott County

VII. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn (Jerry Finkel) and 2nd (Lloyd Erbaugh). The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2022

2022 Meeting Schedule:

May 16, 2022

August 15, 2022

November 21, 2022