



Human Services Committee Meeting
and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Rum River Library Meeting Room A & B (pg. 13)
4201 6th Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

CONSENT AGENDA -- Items will be voted on as one item. At the request of any commissioner, a consent item may be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

Economic Assistance

- *1. Resolution #2020-HS-17, Economic Assistance Bills (pg. 1)
- *2. Metropolitan County Consortium (MCC) Cooperative Agreement for Administrative Services for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Contract #C0008310 (pg. 2)

Social Services

- *3. 2022 – 2023 Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program / RFP (pg. 3)

Public Health and Emergency Services

- *4. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council / Member Reappointments (pgs. 4 -- 6)

REGULAR AGENDA

I. JOB TRAINING CENTER

Information

- 1. Expansion of Transportation Solutions Program (pgs. 7 & 8)

II. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Information

- 1. SNAP and Cash Renewals Update (pg. 9)

III. Public comments are welcome. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to two minutes.

IV. ROUTINE INFORMATIONAL

- 1. August 18, 2020, Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes (pgs. 10 & 11)
- 2. Human Services Committee Report for August 25, 2020, County Board (pg. 12)

3. Signed Contracts:

Dept.	Contract #	Vendor	Service	Term	Signed by
PHES	#C0007881	Hampton Inn and Suites – Amend 1	Quarantine / Isolation	4/7/2020 12/31/2020	Jonelle Hubbard
PHES	#C0008115	HealthStar Home Health	Correctional Health	8/18/2020 Open	Jonelle Hubbard
PHES	#C0007844	WorkingSmarts, Inc. Amendment 1	Training and Coaching	3/16/2020 12/31/2020	Jonelle Hubbard
PHES	#C0008112	Neighborhood Health Source	Immunization Clinic	8/17/2020 12/31/2020	Jonelle Hubbard
Social Services Behavioral Health	#C0008102	Anoka-Hennepin Schools	Shared Social Worker	7/1/2020 6/30/2021	C. Cesare R. Sivarajah
Social Services Behavioral Health	#C0007791	Minnesota Housing	Homework Starts With Home Grant	9/1/2020 7/31/2021	C. Cesare R. Sivarajah

*Action Required

*** Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will **not** vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*

RESOLUTION #2020-HS-17
APPROVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIONS AND PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve and ratify the following client actions of the Anoka County Economic Assistance Department for August 2020: Medical Assistance and General Assistance medical payments in the amount of \$273,042.46 set forth in the Monthly Economic Assistance Actions and Payments Authorization document on file in Human Services Administration.



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Economic Assistance		September 15, 2020
Contract Restatement to the Metropolitan County Consortium (MCC) Cooperative Agreement for Administrative Services for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NMET)		CONSENT
Action Requested	Approval of contract C0008130. This contract renews the MCC Cooperative Agreement to provide administrative services for NMET. The MCC is comprised of the following counties: Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Pine, Ramsey, Sherburne, Stearns, Washington and Wright. The term of this agreement is no later than January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.	
Background	<p>Effective June 30, 2009 the responsibility to provide Medical Assistance (MA) enrollees with transportation and travel expenses to access necessary medical services was shifted to metropolitan counties. In order to maintain continuity of services and avoid the administrative burden, Anoka County led a multi county effort to contract with an existing transportation coordinator.</p> <p>Hennepin County and several metropolitan counties entered into a cooperative agreement effective July 1, 2010. Hennepin County on behalf of the counties participating in the cooperative agreement is contract manager and billing agent.</p> <p>The 2020 budget for this contract is \$287,453.</p>	
Prior Action	The restated cooperative agreement contract amendment was approved effective December 13, 2016, with an effective date of January 1, 2017 for an initial term of twelve months. The contract was renewed through December 31, 2020.	
Recommendation	Approval of contract C0008130.	
Submitted By	Jessica Leth, Family Programs Manager	
Approved By	Brad Thiel, Director	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Social Services		September 15, 2020
Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program		CONSENT
Action Requested	Approval for the Anoka County Social Service and Behavioral Health Department to issue a Request for Proposal for the October 2021 thru September 2023 Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) and respond to Minnesota Housing’s Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program’s RFP.	
Background	<p>In June of 1993, the Minnesota Legislature passed the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Act, allocating funding to meet the goals of preventing homelessness, reduce the duration of homelessness and eliminate repeat episodes of homelessness. The Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) is designed to serve families with children, single adults and unaccompanied or minor parenting youth (24 years of age and under) who are either homeless or at serious risk of homelessness. For the 2019-2021 biennium, Anoka County was awarded \$926,064 that was used to fund sub-grantees of: The Salvation Army, Emma B. Howe YMCA and Mediation and Restorative Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2020: Anoka County to issue an RFP for the 2021-2023 FHPAP based on the assessed service needs in the community. • November 2020: RFP submissions will be evaluated by the FHPAP – Selection Committee and ranked for priority pending the release of Minnesota Housing’s release of the FHPAP RFP in early 2021. • Spring 2021: The Anoka County FHPAP Selection Committee will utilize the ranked proposals to complete an RFP response and submit it to Minnesota Housing. • Summer 2021: Minnesota Housing will announce FHPAP awards based on the RFP submissions. • September 2021: Sub-grantee agreements will be brought before the Human Services Committee for approval to execute for October 1, 2021. 	
Prior Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2019 - Approved Sub-grantee agreements. • October 2019 – Approved of Grant amendment I of an additional \$259,920 to fully fund grant request totaling \$906,514. • May 2020 – Approved Grant amendment II of an additional \$19,550 for new award total of \$926,064. 	
Recommendation	Approval for the Anoka County Social Service and Behavioral Health Department to issue a Request for Proposal for the October 2021 thru September 2023 for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) and respond to Minnesota Housing’s Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program’s RFP.	
Submitted By	Michele Reid	
Approved By	Jerry Pederson	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Public Health & Environmental Services		September 15, 2020
Emergency Medical Services Council reappointments		CONSENT
Action Requested	Approve Committee reappointments for 2021.	
Background	The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council serves as an advisory body to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners on the development, maintenance, coordination and evaluation of emergency medical services in Anoka County.	
Prior Action	There have been yearly appointments of the Chair, and appointments or reappointments of council members whose terms have expired.	
Recommendation	Recommend the following be reappointed to the EMS Council for terms expiring December 31, 2023. <u>Representing Citizens:</u> Joseph Thomas <u>Representing Fire Service:</u> Tim Gilsrud, Battalion Chief Coon Rapids Fire Department	
Submitted By	Jonelle Hubbard – Director	
Approved By	Jonelle Hubbard – Director	

Anoka County Committee Appointments Application

First Name	Joseph
Last Name	Thomas
Date	8/5/2020
Address	
Phone	
Fax	<i>Field not completed.</i>
E-mail	
Business Name	N/A
Business Address	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Business Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Business Fax	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Business E-mail	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Board/Commission applying for:	Emergency Medical Services Council
Your county commissioner:	District 2 - Julie Braastad
Find your commissioner here:	MN Pollfinder
Personal background:	Married, six children, Computer Software Engineer, lived in Twin Cities for last 38 years, Ham Lake for last 18 years. Foster Parents for 20+ years (Children's Crisis Nursery, Anoka County [Emergency home]).
Experience relating to position:	22 years Ham Lake Fire Department, currently District Chief. NREMT (B) since 2000. Member of Emergency Response team with various employers over the years.
Describe why you are interested in the position:	This is a position I currently hold (Citizen rep.) and I am seeking re-appointment. I believe my experience with Fire Department/EMT forms the knowledge basis while my work with Foster Care and businesses provides a different perspective on relevant community topics.

Anoka County Committee Appointments Application

First Name	Timothy
Last Name	Gilsrud
Date	8/14/2020
Address	
Phone	
Fax	<i>Field not completed.</i>
E-mail	
Business Name	Coon Rapids Fire
Business Address	
Business Phone	
Business Fax	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Business E-mail	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Board/Commission applying for:	Emergency Medical Services Council
Your county commissioner:	District 2 - Julie Braastad
Find your commissioner here:	MN Pollfinder
Personal background:	I have been in the fire and medical services since 1985. I'm the current board chair for this committee and have served on it since 2001 and been the chair for some time now. I work at Coon Rapids Fire as a Battalion Chief
Experience relating to position:	Current EMT and former flight paramedic.
Describe why you are interested in the position:	I would like to continue my work on the Anoka County Emergency Medical Services board.



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Job Training Center		September 15, 2020
Transportation Solutions		INFORMATION
Action Requested	Information only	
Background	<p>Due to increased community members being affected by unemployment many will experience transportation issues and need assistance with car repairs and/or temporary insurance assistance. Automobile transportation for many is their only viable transportation option and is a necessity for accessing childcare, medical appointments, employment, training, etc. These transportation supports are critical services that can assist the public with successfully participating in training, job searching and employment activities supporting overall economic prosperity.</p> <p>Cares Act funding will support one-time car repair up to \$2,000 and in combination/or a one-time payment for current term of car insurance assistance up to \$700. This funding has allowed for the current Transportation Solutions Program offered by the Job Training Center to expand as COVID-19 as affected many in the County. With the high number of Anoka County residents on Unemployment and looking for work having reliable transportation is a necessity. With the \$600 Federal unemployment boost ending on July 25, 2020 many residents may not have discretionary funds available to assist with needed car repairs and/or insurance.</p> <p>The Job Training Center has provided transportation programming since 1998 and has subcontracted transportation coordination services with Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) and most recently with the Anoka County Community Action Program since 2019 for the delivery of transportation supports for program participants. Also, the Job Training Center has a contract awarded through a public RFP process with Victory Auto. Victory Auto provides car repairs at a reduced charge for parts and labor in coordination with the Job Training Center Transportation Coordinator.</p> <p>Program eligibility includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anoka County Resident - 200% or below Federal Poverty Guidelines - Impacted by COVID-19 - Valid driver's license - Vehicle in applicant's name 	
Prior Action	None	
Recommendation	Information only	
Submitted By	Nicole Swanson, Director	
Approved By	Nicole Swanson, Director	

Transportation Solutions

*A partnership between Anoka County & Anoka County
Community Action Program*



Anoka County
JOB TRAINING CENTER



***Need assistance with car repairs, insurance or
vehicle registration and don't know where to turn?***

- ✓ ***Up to \$2000 in grants may be available, if eligible***
- ✓ ***Grants do not need to be paid back***
- ✓ ***No car repair estimate needed***

Program Requirements:

- Anoka County Resident
- Meet low income guidelines
- Meet program eligibility guidelines
- Impacted by Covid-19
- Valid MN Driver's License
- Vehicle in applicant's name
- Proof of insurance (for repairs)
- Costs don't exceed car's value
- Grants must be pre-approved
- One-time assistance
- Dependent on funding

Applications available at:

Blaine Human Service Center
1201 89th Ave NE, Suite 235
Blaine, MN 55434

or

www.anokacounty.us/jtc

Need more information?

Contact Irina Astashinsky
Transportation Coordinator
763-324-2318

Irina.Astashinsky@co.anoka.mn.us

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ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Economic Assistance		September 15, 2020
SNAP and Cash Renewal Update		INFORMATION
Action Requested	Information Only	
Background	<p>SNAP waivers were not renewed by the USDA which caused renewals and recertification for SNAP and cash programs to start September 1. We will see a double workload in these particular areas do the catch-up work through the end of 2020.</p> <p>Our Economic Assistance director will provide an update on state and county wide projected numbers and plan for the workload.</p>	
Prior Action		
Recommendation	Information Only	
Submitted By	Brad Thiel, Director	
Approved By	Brad Thiel, Director	



Anoka County
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION
Administration & Finance

*** MINUTES ***

Human Services Committee
August 18, 2020
Bunker Hills Activity Center, Andover

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Commissioner Julie Braastad, Commissioner Mandy Meisner,
Commissioner Robyn West, Commissioner Jeff Reinert

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Sivarajah, Cindy Cesare, Jonelle Hubbard, Nicole Swanson, Jerry Pederson,
Dylan Warkentin, Nancy Norman, Peggy McNabb, Brad Thiel, Wes Volkanent

I. CONSENT

Action

Recommendations on all action items that were forwarded to the County Board are included in the attached Human Services Committee Report for their meeting on August 25, 2020. Resolutions #2020-HS-15 and #2020-HS-16 are on file in Human Services Administration.

II. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Action

Recommendations on all action items that were forwarded to the County Board are included in the attached Human Services Committee Report for their meeting on August 25, 2020.

Information

A. Community Corrections 2019 Annual Report

Dylan Warkentin acknowledged the annual Community Corrections Annual Report as being an excellent historical document for looking back, identifying trends, etc. *A compilation of important information from a variety of resources.*

From the 2019 annual report, Dylan highlighted:

- The steady growth of Anoka County's population, and the dot maps showing where Corrections clients reside.
- The important contributions of both the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the East Central Regional Juvenile Center Advisory Committee.
- 2019 Revenue and Expenditures and 2020 Fee Schedule.
- Continued stability in our crime index numbers, even as our population grows. Anoka County's reported crimes shifting downward to being closer to Dakota County's vs. Hennepin and Ramsey. *A very encouraging shift.*
- A slight decline in DUI / DWI from 2018 to 2019.
- Anoka County's being the third largest probation department in the state.
- The statewide movement to focus on more serious crimes, rather than those that are less serious.
- Outcomes of the first full year of ocular drug testing. Of the 2,271 scans, there were 553 risk screens leading to 71 positive UAs.
- Shifting Workhouse population due to both sentencing practices and COVID-19. Increased use of home electronic monitoring in response to COVID-19 risk.

- While there were no juveniles certified to adult court in 2019, there are ten certification studies in process to date in 2020.
- Fewer out-of-home placements, but significantly increased costs.
- The continued success, and third-year funding, for alternatives to incarceration that works to keep low-level offenders out of prison and in the community.
- Sex-Specific Program ERASOR Score Outcomes.

Commissioner Braastad expressed appreciation for the great and frequently used information.

III. SOCIAL SERVICES

Action

Recommendations on all action items that were forwarded to the County Board are included in the attached Human Services Committee Report for their meeting on August 25, 2020.

IV. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Information

A. Child Support Awareness Month

Brad Thiel noted August of each year is designated as Child Support Awareness month in Anoka County. Raising awareness was a bit more challenging this year due to our buildings being closed. 2019 Anoka County Child Support Statistics:

- \$39,127,610 collected in child support payments for 12,347 children
- 363 new orders established
- 488 cases modified
- Established paternity for 160 cases

Child support collections across the state were \$575.3 million for FFY2019.

The Governor's 2020 Child Support Awareness Month *reminds us that we must all invest in the future of children in Minnesota.* Our Anoka County Child Support Program is reflective of that reminder.

V. PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Action

Recommendations on all action items that were forwarded to the County Board are included in the attached Human Services Committee Report for their meeting on August 25, 2020.

VI. Public Comment

Wes Volkenant commented on his appreciation of reports such as today's 2019 Community Corrections Annual Report and presentation.

VII. ROUTINE INFORMATIONAL

1. The Human Services Committee Report for the July 28, 2020, County Board stands as submitted.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy McNabb
Administrative Division Supervisor



Anoka County

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Administration & Finance

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE AUGUST 25, 2020 ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Commissioner Julie Braastad, Commissioner Mandy Meisner,
Commissioner Robyn West, Commissioner Jeff Reinert

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Sivarajah, Cindy Cesare, Jonelle Hubbard, Nicole Swanson, Jerry Pederson,
Dylan Warkentin, Nancy Norman, Peggy McNabb, Brad Thiel, Wes Volkanent

The following recommendations from the August 18, 2020, Human Services Committee meeting are being forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners, which also acts as the Local Social Services Agency and Health Board, for their approval:

CONSENT

Public Health and Environmental Services

- *1. Consider recommending the County Board enter into Contract #C0008113 (renewal) with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Child and Teen Checkup administrative services in the amount of \$1,018,051 for 2021, with the 2022 budget being submitted to the Department of Human Services in the fall of 2021, and the 2023 budget being submitted in the fall of 2022.
- *2. Consider recommending the County Board approve 2021 SCORE and Local Recycling Development Grant (LRDG) grants from the State of Minnesota and additional program dollars to support the 2021 Municipal Residential Recycling Program.

SOCIAL SERVICES

- *3. Consider recommending the County Board enter into Contract #C0006968 (Amendment II) with Stepping Stone Emergency Housing for Housing Support Emergency Shelter funding at \$72,080.24 per month (+1%) through December 31, 2020. Contract maximum increases to \$1,712,568.72.

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- *4. The committee recommended County Board ADOPTION of the following:
 - A. Resolution #2020-HS-15, Economic Assistance Bills – **see attached resolution.**
 - B. Resolution #2020-HS-16, Authorizing Signatory of Public Health and Environmental Services Director – **see attached resolution.**

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INFORMATIONAL

- 1. The committee recommended County Board appointment of David Turnidge as District #3 representative to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a two-year term to August 2022.
- 2. The committee recommended County Board appointment of JD Holmquist as District #5 representative and Brian Nystrom as District #7 representative to the Community Health Advisory Committee for three-year terms through July 31, 2023.

*Action Required
attachments

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