

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2012-08 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole April 24, 2012, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Chair Don Gray opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	Jane Olive	District #1
	Lyle Tjosaas	District #2
	David Erickson	District #3
	Don Gray	District #4
	David Hanson	District #5
Members absent:	None	
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk
	Jane Hardwick	Human Services Director

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick met with the Board to discuss the Regional Human Services Redesign.

Regional Human
Services Redesign
Update

Ms. Hardwick reported that since 2009 they have been engaged in an effort to redesign the governance, financing, and delivery of Human Services in southeastern Minnesota. On March 15, 2012, Accenture presented those products resulting from extensive dialogue and data-gathering from Human Services Directors and staff.

More recently, on April 12, 2012, County Administrators, county Finance Directors, and two or three County Commissioners from each of the twelve counties gathered to review the business case and provide greater input to the funding model and to identify any further questions or issues that would need to be addressed to move to implementation.

Included in the Board packet were minutes from the Regional Redesign Steering Committee meeting of April 5, 2012, as well as the business case document that was provided by Accenture at the April 12, 2012 meeting.

Ms. Hardwick noted that different counties are in different places in regards to what they need and/or expect from the redesign.

Status quo details including caseload, cost and state/federal contributions were discussed as listed on page 14 of the Power Point presentation material.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if other counties are accepting the analysis that was presented.

Ms. Hardwick reported that 2010 data was used when creating the blueprint. The group is now questioning whether or not this is the right year for the base data. Also questioned were the personnel costs. The Human Services Director commented that the fiscal impact needs to be looked at if they are using the Olmsted salary information rather than the blended salary information which the group feels won't work.

Regional Human
Services Redesign
Update - Continued

The organizational model on page 18 was reviewed.

The Human Service Director briefly discussed assumptions for future state salary/benefits as listed on pages 19 and 20.

The future state summary sizing information on page 28 was reviewed.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if services offered by Human Services are being eliminated.

Ms. Hardwick reported that they will not be eliminating services. Some counties don't offer anything other than state mandated services, so through the redesign plan additional services would now be available to those counties.

Cost avoidance information was discussed as listed on pages 36, 37 and 40.

The Human Service Director reviewed with the Board information on 'Levers' to Determine Funding as listed on page 41.

Ms. Hardwick briefly discussed the following options with the Board:

- Option 1 – Moving to "Fair Share" (page 42)
- Option 2 – Historical Spend Percentage (page 43)
- Option 3 – Moving to "Fair Share" with Sales Tax Revenue Transfer (page 44)

Transitional funding/transitional activities were reviewed as listed on pages 49, 50 and 51.

Financial impact (Option 1) information was shared on page 55.

The Human Service Director informed the Board that different counties have different expectations.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know if Olmsted County were to say no to the project, does it kills the project.

Ms. Hardwick stated that it doesn't kill the project if Olmsted County says no, however it does change it.

The Human Services Director noted that as they look forward to the Board making a decision about participation in a multi-county human services delivery authority, it would be helpful to be aware of what additional questions the Board may have or what additional information would be helpful for the Board.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DON GRAY
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: