

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2012**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2012-01 Work Session**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session May 15, 2012, in the conference room at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Don Gray opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present and established that there was a quorum:

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  
Jane Hardwick Human Services Director  
Peggy Espey Public Health Director  
Mark Howard Project Manager, Accenture  
Kelly Madsen Office Support Supervisor

The group met to discuss the human services regional redesign project, address any questions on this matter, and discuss next steps. The following is a brief summary of the discussion:

Human Services  
Regionalization  
Discussion

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick informed those present that after the March 15, 2012, regional redesign meeting with area commissioners, administrators, directors and others, it was clear that the proposed options for funding and for governance was not uniformly acceptable. Subsequent meetings on April 12 and May 7 were intended to establish an agreeable financing model and governance model.

A proposed financing model and governance model was shared with those present. Ms. Hardwick asked for any questions from the board on these models. Ms. Hardwick and Mark Howard addressed questions from the board members.

Discussion areas included:

- Goal of the regional human services delivery authority (SDA) is to improve service and save money.
- What if Olmsted decides not to join the SDA?
- What services would the SDA offer? Can individual counties offer more outside these noted services at their own expense?
- Can a county leave the SDA? Can a county join the SDA in the future?
- What questions or concerns has staff had about the proposal?
- How would the SDA work with outside service organizations that the county currently has relationships with?

- Will the state mandate this change if we don't follow through?
- Any concerns from the state level with this structure?

Human Services  
Regionalization  
Discussion -  
Continued

The Human Services Director distributed to the board members a rough draft of a proposed resolution to declare preliminary intent to establish a service delivery authority that the board will be asked to consider. Knowing which counties are intending to join the SDA will allow for more accurate research and decision making in the next steps.

Commissioner Gray asked Public Health Director Peggy Espey her thoughts with regard to human services regionalization. Ms. Espey noted that there may be a concern with the counties where their human services and public health departments have already merged. She noted that there should be some community education regarding the subject.

Ms. Hardwick noted that if the board votes to approve the resolution to declare preliminary intent to establish an SDA, the board will also be asked to determine who will be on the governing board and to approve the cost expenditure for the next stage in planning. The governing board will develop the SDA by-laws and joint powers agreement. If the establishment of the SDA moves forward, the Bush Foundation will be approached again with a request for funds as well. Cost information will be presented to the board members before any decisions are made.

The Human Services Director will present the final resolution to the board for voting at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Gray adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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DON GRAY  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

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JIM ELMQUIST  
CLERK

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DATED: