

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**FAIRVIEW CARE CENTER
DODGE CENTER, MN**

2013-02 Work Session

The Dodge County Commissioners met in a Work Session March 19, 2013, in the conference room at the Fairview Care Center, Dodge Center, MN at 8:00 a.m. CDT. Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

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

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Lyle Tjosaas	District #2
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	David Erickson	District #4
Members absent:	Steven Gray	District #5
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Jim Schug	SDA Project Manager
	Tom Shea	County Administrator
	Jane Hardwick	Dodge Human Services Director

Human Services Director Jane Hardwick reviewed the Four-County Model Executive Summary for the proposed Service Delivery Authority (S.D.A.) for Waseca, Dodge, Mower, and Steele County Human Services. Ms. Hardwick discussed several topics including the system of care practice for enhanced services to clients, the mission and the vision of the proposed S.D.A., the overall guiding principles, the organizational structure and how it's designed, key technological tools needed to equip the workforce, where potential facilities could be located, and the measurement of outcomes.

Human Services
SDA Delivery
Authority Update

Steele County Administrator Tom Shea reviewed the funding model and how finances were being determined from each county and the governance model.

A question posed was how to explain this project to someone in the public and an overall taxpayer.

The Human Services Director stated a communications plan is being developed that will assist with covering this message.

Mr. Shea stated efficiencies are captured administratively with a larger organization by removing duplications of four independent organizations.

A question was posed regarding the organizational chart and how it is formed as it doesn't seem to provide for an overall savings.

Ms. Hardwick stated that with an opportunity for specialization allowed for in a multi-county operation as well as employees investing time in areas not allowed previously will be assurance of better services and with efficiencies.

It was said that it's important that simple language be a goal of the message going forward so residents of the county understand what is being proposed.

Human Services
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Authority Update -
Continued

There was question as to the Pro Forma coming in the near future and Mr. Shea stated that CliftonLarsonAllen will be meeting with individual counties and completing the work soon.

The Board felt further discussion will be necessary going forward but appreciated the information provided.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

LYLE TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

JIM ELMQUIST
CLERK

DATED: