

**TUESDAY, NOEMBER 12, 2014**

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

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2014-21 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole November 12, 2014, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CST. Chair Rodney Peterson opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Tim Tjosaas	District #2
	Rodney Peterson	District #3
	David Erickson	District #4
Members absent:	Steven Gray	District #5
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy Clerk
	Leota Lind	SCHA Director

South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) Director Leota Lind met with the Board to provide them with a SCHA overview and annual update.

SCHA Overview and  
Annual Update

Commissioner Gray arrived to the meeting at 9:03 a.m. CST.

Commissioner Gray  
Arrived

Ms. Lind shared statistics with the Board regarding:

SCHA Overview and  
Annual Update -  
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- Total Enrollment
- MA Enrollment
- MnCare Enrollment
- AbilityCare SNBC Enrollment
- SingleCare SNBC Enrollment
- SharedCare SNBC Enrollment
- SeniorCare Complete (MSHO) Enrollment
- MSC+ Enrollment

The SCHA Director informed the Board a majority of the growth in SCHA participation has been in the MA enrollment, there has been a 56% increase in MA enrollment since last December.

Ms. Lind reported MNCare enrollment is down, she attributes this to the fact that participants who were previously enrolled in this program now qualify for other plans such as Medicaid.

Commissioner Erickson asked Ms. Lind to explain why SCHA has so much excess money.

The SCHA Director informed the Board they have excess funds because enrollment numbers are up, their members are healthier than anticipated and their claim experience is under what they had anticipated for 2014.

Commissioner Allen wanted to know if the new enrollees previously had insurance coverage.

SCHA Overview and  
Annual Update -  
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The SCHA Director reported they don't receive information on whether or not a member has previously had insurance coverage and they don't have access to that information.

Commissioner Erickson asked for clarification on whether or not the new enrollees were elderly people.

Ms. Lind stated the enrollment increase is primarily in the 0-64 age group and that 50% of the new enrollees are children under the age of 18 years old. Also noted was low income families and low income adults account a portion of the increase in enrollment as well.

Commissioner Erickson informed the Board that SCHA clients have to qualify for the programs offered by SCHA.

The SCHA Director stated 50% of the new Medicaid enrollees are under 18 years old, in addition the on-line application process is being utilized more, therefore more people are learning they are eligible for coverage. Ms. Lind reported that typically these individuals are not serviced by the county, and this is a population the county hasn't serviced in the past.

Discussion took place on what is done with the excess money SCHA has in its budget.

The SCHA Director stated SCHA puts the money that is not needed for operational purposes back into the communities they serve. Also noted was this year SCHA will be focusing on providing more dental services to their members.

Commissioner Peterson wanted to know what Dodge County's financial obligation is to SCHA.

Commissioner Erickson reported Dodge County was required to put in a specific amount of money to get SCHA off the ground. Because of the success of SCHA, the counties involved in SCHA have gotten all of their money back.

County Administrator Jim Elmquist reported Dodge County isn't required to put any money into SCHA annually.

Commissioner Peterson wanted to know what the safety net was.

Ms. Lind reported SCHA's risk based capital is at 200%, this is a statutory requirement. SCHA's risk based capital will be close to 500% at the end of the year, their Board prefers to have their risk based capital around 400%. The SCHA Director noted they are financially in a secure position compared to four years ago.

The Board thanked Ms. Lind for the update.

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

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**RODNEY PETERSON  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK**

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