A regular meeting of the Health and Social Services Commission was held Wednesday, August 11, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

- Rosita Bryant-Wilburn
- Enlow Walker (Left at 1:00 pm)
- Joe Blackburn
- Retchenda George-Bettisworth, Chairperson
- Peter Pinney (Left at 1:00 pm)
- Hollis Hall (Joined at 12:49 pm)
- Pamela Wagaman, Vice-Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

- Sharon Wittenkeller, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
- Eric Holland, FNSB Health and Social Services Administrator

Absent & Excused

- Juanita Webb

**MESSAGES**

1.a. Citizen’s Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

   NONE

1.b. Citizen’s Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

   NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

   NONE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

PINNEY, Seconded by BLACKBURN moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Walker, Wagaman, Blackburn, Bryant-Wilburn, Pinney, George-Bettisworth

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator, Report.

Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator provided a status update on the State of Alaska GEMS system, Department of Health and Social Services grant submission and final payments on the FY21 HSCMG, the upcoming FY23 publishing dates, application submission deadlines and noted the next Health and Social Services Commission meeting is October 13, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review/Approve the FY22 Match Assistance Grant RFA (Request for Applications) document.

Chair George-Bettisworth explained during the July Health and Social Services Commission meeting it was noted there were no material changes to the RFA from the prior year. Changes and improvements were made to the RFA in the prior year.

Mr. Holland provided status updates on the non-incorporated 501(c)(3) discussion. Input at the last meeting from commissioners and agency partners were helpful. The question that arose was; can a coalition, specifically, the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition, apply for Match Assistance Grants (MAG). The answer last year was coalitions were not able to apply for the MAG. Further inquiry revealed the borough does not enter into contracts with organizations that do not meet the 501(c)(3) designation requirements.
Further discussion ensued on applying and qualifying for 501(c)(3) status.

PINNEY, Seconded by WAGAMAN moved to approve the FY22 Match Assistance Grant RFA document.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY22 MATCH ASSISTANCE GRANT RFA DOCUMENT.

Yeses: Bryant-Wilburn, Blackburn, Pinney, Wagaman, Walker, George-Bettisworth

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

2. Review/Approve the FY23 Human Services Community Matching Grant RFP (Request for Proposals) document.

Chair George-Bettisworth explained during the July Health and Social Services Commission meeting it was noted there were no material changes to the RFP from the prior year. There were some minor changes and improvements that were requested and complete. Some of the main dates and dollar figures will be added to the RFP as appropriate when the state does their update. A few minor changes to the RFP were noted; a typo on page 6 and the info session dates on page 5 of the RFP need to be changed from 12/09/20 to 12/08/21.

BLACKBURN, Seconded by WAGAMAN moved to approve the FY23 Human Services Community Matching Grant RFP document as edited.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY23 HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY MATCHING GRANT RFP DOCUMENT AS EDITED.

Yeses: Wagaman, Hall, Blackburn, Bryant-Wilburn, George-Bettisworth

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 0 Noes

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

None.
COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Chair George-Bettisworth informed the commission Brenda Stanfill, Executive Director for the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, has taken a position with the State of Alaska, as the Executive Director for Alaska Network of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Chair George-Bettisworth recognized her for all the work she has done for the community of Fairbanks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health and Social Services Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

APPROVED: October 13, 2021