

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Health and Social Services Commission
July 14, 2021
12:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Health and Social Services was held Wednesday, July 14, 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:

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| Rosita Bryant-Wilburn | Peter Pinney |
| Enlow Walker | Hollis Hall |
| Pamela Wagaman, Vice-Chairperson | Retchenda George-Bettisworth, Chairperson |

Comprising a quorum of the Board/Commission, and

Eric Holland, Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Administrator
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk
Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III Clerk

Absent & Excused

Joe Blackburn

MESSAGES

1. Communications to the Health and Social Services Commission

Eric Holland, Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Administrator provided an update on FY21 Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) status and the FY22 Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) agreements and grant amounts.

2. a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

Citizen’s Comments – Continued

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

NONE

3. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Yeses: Pinney, Walker, Wagaman, Webb, Bryant-
Wilburn, Hall, George-Bettisworth

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Health and Social Services minutes of April 14, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Comments and concerns from the Request for Applications (RFA)/Request for Proposals (RFP) from the past year.

Chair George-Bettisworth invited the visiting agencies to introduce themselves. The following individuals were in attendance:

- Anna Nelson, Executive Director of Interior AIDS Association
- Anne Weaver, Fairbanks Community Food Bank
- Jason Kempthorne, Executive Director of LOVE, Inc.
- Kay Papakristo, Education Director of Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska

- Leigh Bolin, Resource Center for Parents and Children
- Sarah Newton, Program Director, Thrive Alaska Head Start
- Traci Eckly, Accounting Supervisor, Interior Community Health Center
- Kelvin Lee, No Limits

Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator, noted that there were no substantial changes for the Match Assistant Grant (MAG) Request for Applications (RFA). He further explained a request presented by Brenda Stanfield with Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living for the commission to review and considering providing advocacy to allow FNSB agency coalition groups who have a fiscal agent to be able to access some of the Match Assistant Grant (MAG) funds.

Further discussion on fiscal agent responsibility ensued and Chair George-Bettisworth also noted the FY22 Match Assistant Grant (MAG) funding is \$275,303.082.

2. Discussion (including community partners)/suggestions for altering the RFA/RFP process or documents.

Chair George-Bettisworth invited the visiting agency's representatives mentioned above as well as Commissioners to provide comments or suggestions for altering the Request for Applications (RFA) or Request for Proposals (RFP) process or documents.

Anne Weaver with Fairbanks Community Food Bank commented staff and Commissioners provide an effective process in reaching out to agencies, agreed the coalitions should be allowed to apply to become fiscal agents, the option of changing the one-year grant cycle to a two-year grant cycle, availability of staff is positive, item #6 on the Match Assistant Grant (MAG) application; the format on application asks for tabs which could cause confusion for new applicants.

Jason Kempthorne, Executive Director with LOVE, Inc., commented that as a recipient of both grants in years past, he thanked the Commission for how easy it is to apply for the Match Assistance Grant (MAG) and keeping the process easy for applicants.

Discussion ensued on a possible two-year grant cycle replacing the one-year grant cycle. There will be an update on the subject at the next scheduled meeting.

Further discussion ensued on the comment from Ms. Weaver regarding item #6 within the application.

Anna Nelson, Executive Director of Interior AIDS Association, commented on changing the formatting requirements to match the electronic submission requirements for the Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) application.

Commissioner Pinney was supportive of the suggestions with the HSCMG and inquired whether there was a restriction on forward funding for the committing funds into the next legislature.

Further discussion ensued on fiscal agents and available coalition funds.

Commissioner Hall commented on the RFP for the HSCMG on the word "must" on page #9 and requested more welcoming language as well as the word "less" vs the use of the word "fewer" on page 10 of the application. He also requested that the first time an acronym is introduced that it be written out.

3. Provide recommendations for possible changes to the documents or the process. This item will be on the agenda for final discussion and for possible approval at the August meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Health & Social Services Commission.

Recommendations were discussed above under item E. 2.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

Commissioner Pinney noted that he will be in travel status and should be able to call in to the meeting.

Commissioner Walker will be out of state but should be able to attend by Zoom or phone.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Pinney stated that North Star Community Foundation is running a vaccine incentive program encouraging new vaccines. He explained the incentive program; a person can share proof of vaccination to 123vax@nscfundalaska.org for a chance to win \$1000 for each week's submission of entries. Proof of past vaccines were welcomed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Health and Social Services Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

APPROVED: 08/11/2021