MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Tom Adkins, Washington County
Karla Bigham, Washington County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
Mark Bromenschenkel, Stearns County
Graylen Carlson, Lac qui Parle County
Midge Christianson, 6W Community Corrections
Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County
Stephan Hallan, Pine County
Sharon Hollatz, Redwood County
Mike Huberty, Meeker County
Jeffrey Jelinski, Morrison County
James Jens, Murray County
Cal Johannsen, Hubbard County
Dave Kircher, Todd County
Randy Maluchnik, Carver County
Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County
George McMahon, Chisago County

Jim McMahon, Benton County
Charlie Meyer, Douglas County
Rollie Nissen, Kandiyohi County
David Oslin, Mille Lacs County
Glenda Phillipe, Roseau County
Will Purvis, Blue Earth County
Jerry Remund, Pipestone County
Cody Rogahn, Pope County
John Roper, Faribault County
David Salberg, Traverse County
Nancy Schouweiler, Dakota County
Don Springer, Wabasha County
William Tusa, Jackson County
Peter Walsh, Lake County
Grant Weyland, Clay County
Keith Winger, Beltrami County
Donny Wohlers, Stevens County

GUESTS:
Jennifer DeCubellis, DHS
Renee Frauendeinst, Stearns County
Kelly Harder, Dakota County
Lawrence Massa, MN Hospital Association

I. Call To Order – Joint Public Safety/HHS Meeting
Commissioner Purvis called the joint meeting to order and the assembled member recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Results First Update
Kelly Harder, Dakota County Community Services Director, presented the committees with some information about the Results First Initiative that is just getting underway in Minnesota. MMB is the lead agency, Pew and the McArthur Foundation will provide technical assistance and the goal is to bring a return on investment framework to corrections and human service programs in Minnesota. The process is based on one that has been used in the state of Washington for nearly 20 years and has been implemented in other states as well.
III. Mental Health in Jails
The committee welcomed Lawrence Massa, President and CEO of the Minnesota Hospital Association, to give some thoughts and remarks about how their association views the mental health system needs and gaps that are causing shortages of treatment beds and long stays in jails and hospitals. Mr. Massa indicated that they would very much like to partner with all of the other players in the system, counties included, to come up with an approach to system change that we can work on collaboratively. He also noted the MHA is hoping to host a summit on the topic later this year and would welcome partners in that effort. Following that, Jennifer DeCubellis, Assistant Commissioner at DHS, offered some data and also policy information about their approach to the needs facing the system. The committee then heard from Becky Secore, Beltrami County Human Services Director, about the progress on a state funded pilot project for an alternative facility to the county jail for those facing an immediate mental health crisis. Their work is just getting started as this was funded this year by the legislature.

Following the presentations, the committee had a chance to have questions and comments. There was broad support for joining together with the groups, MHA in particular, and when asked the committee consensus was that AMC should join in co-sponsoring the summit.

IV. Adjourn
HHS Chair Susan Morris adjourned the joint meeting at 4 p.m.

V. Call to Order
Commissioner Purvis called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. The assembled members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduced themselves. Commissioner Huberty moved the approval of the March 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Winger seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Committee and Affiliate Updates
Renee Frauentdienst, Stearns County public Health Director, came to the committee on behalf of Central MN Regional EMS Board. EMS boards around the state are seeing issues related to funding as state funding has been flat and the portion of funds that come from seat belt fines have been declining as seat belt use goes up. They are asking for committee support for a legislative review of how this system is funded and what other sources of revenue might be available to fund the system adequately.

Chair Purvis provided the committee an update on the Courthouse Security working group. This group has been convened by state court administration and seeks to find ways for the state to assist counties in enhancing security at court facilities. Commissioner Schouweiler also serves on the committee representing AMC along with a couple of county administrators. Sheriffs and County Attorneys are also represented. A summary of the proposal was distributed to the committee and Chair Purvis asked that if anyone has feedback, they provide it to so AMC can be adequately represented at the next meeting.

Ryan noted that several affiliates were invited but are still in the process of forming their legislatives request so it wasn’t timely for them to present at this meeting. Midge Christianson from MACCAC was available and gave an overview of their legislative approach for this next
session. She noted that after this last session, it was clear that there is not the political will to move forward on the single funding proposal that MACCAC has been asking for. The legislature did take some steps toward simplification and there is not a high likelihood of success on more significant reforms this year. However, there is still a great need for additional resources in community supervision, especially in light of the need for additional prison beds at the DOC. MACCAC’s legislative platform has not changed much in substance, but is reframed to reflect those realities.

VII. Platform Review and Priorities
Ryan led the group in a review of the existing section of the platform. He reminded the committee of the process and deadlines for changes and asked if there are any comments for the committee to discuss at this time. Commissioner Jelinski raised some issues with the 911 and emergency communications section of the platform. He suggested that updates were needed to reflect the current realities of next gen 911, interoperable data, etc. The committee consensus was to have Ryan work on some new language for that. It was also noted by Commissioner Bigham that there is not body camera language similar to what we have on license plate readers. Her suggestion was that there be something in place and that given the legislative work on license plate readers, we may not need the language on that subject. The committee was in agreement and Ryan will put something together.

Ryan then walked the committee through the process for priorities selection. He reminded the group on what they chose last year and how things turned out on those subjects. After considerable discussion, a list was drafted as follows:

1. Mental Health Systems reform to address the needs and reduce the impact on jails, in particular.
2. Support the proposal for a courthouse security grant program as outlined by the task force.
3. Address the funding issues related to the regional EMS boards.
4. Funding interoperable communications systems and creating integrations between the data systems in use.
5. Support for community supervision in counties as an alternative to building a new prison facility in Minnesota.

Commissioner Schouweiler moved the adoption of this list as the Public Safety Committee priorities. Commissioner Bromenschenkel seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Adjourn
With no additional business to come before the committee, Chair Purvis adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.