

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

1:30 PM

Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Vice Chair: Angela Conley, District 4
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. February 25, 2025 Minutes

Attachments: [HS-COMMITTEEMINUTES-25-Feb-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0089](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2503

2.B. [25-0090](#)

Acceptance of the 2024 Special Gift Fund Annual Report

Attachments: [SPECIAL GIFT FUND – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT](#)

Items for Discussion and Action

2.C. [25-0091](#)

Approve supplemental appropriations to 2025 HSPH budget for grant Agmt A2412594 to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities, 10/11/24-6/30/26, \$2,067,452 (recv)

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0172

Item Description:

February 25, 2025 Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
1:30 PM

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Commissioner Heather Edelson, Chair, called the meeting of the Human Services Committee for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 to order at 1:51 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Marion Greene

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. February 4, 2025 Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Fernando, Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Lunde and Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0072](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2503

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Fernando, Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Lunde and Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.B. [25-0073](#)

Agmt A2412662 with the City of Hopkins to establish alternative mental health response in Hopkins, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$90,000 (recv)

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Fernando, Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Lunde and Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

2.C. [25-0074](#)

JPA A2412636 with the City of Minneapolis authorizing services of the Hennepin County 911 Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/1/25-12/31/26

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Fernando, Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Lunde and Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Greene

There being no further business, the Human Services Committee for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 was declared adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

Board Action Request

25-0089

Item Description:

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2503

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2503 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

Background:

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Choose an item.

Board Action Request

25-0090

Item Description:

Acceptance of the 2024 Special Gift Fund Annual Report

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners accept the Special Gift Fund 2024 Annual Report; and that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, donations made to the Hennepin County Special Gift Fund in 2024 are accepted.

Background:

The Hennepin County Special Gift Fund was established in 1970 to provide financial assistance to people served in Human Services and Public Health who are faced with a crisis or have special needs when no other resources are available. The resident's case manager makes the request for funds on behalf of the resident. Individual requests are generally limited to \$200 per resident and supply such needs as clothing, housing, food and treatment options. In addition to individual requests, the Fund has also been used to support the Backpack Challenge and the Giving Partners Programs.

Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires that gifts to counties be accepted by resolution of the governing body and adopted by a two thirds majority. An annual report containing a summary of donations and expenditures is attached.

This Board Action Request supports disparity reduction by providing additional resources for residents to support needs in domains such as health, income, housing and education.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

**HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH
SPECIAL GIFT FUND – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

BACKGROUND:

The Hennepin County Special Gift Fund (SGF) was established in 1970 to provide financial assistance to Health and Human Services clients who are faced with a crisis or have special needs where all other financial resources to meet those needs have been exhausted. Access to the funds, on behalf of a client, is made by the client’s case manager or social worker. Individual requests are limited to \$200.00 except in compelling cases. All funds in the Special Gift Fund are donated, and no tax dollars are used.

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Please note that accounting was consulted to reconcile the budget of the Special Gift Fund, to ensure that all expenses were captured and reflected accurately. Below reflects the most updated information regarding the Special Gift Fund.

1/1/2024 Starting Balance	44,452.81
2024 Cash and Check Donations	2023 bake sale numbers (437.51 in cash/\$ 2747 in silent auction and donations) total deposit \$3184.51 May Retiree Luncheon (\$1249 total) \$315 in cash and \$934 in checks. There were additional donations throughout the year that enhanced the total overall revenue/donations for the Special Gift Fund to total 9, 083.16.
2024 Disbursements totaled	12, 167.87

2024 SUMMARY OF DONATIONS:

The Special Gift fund remains fund by 100% donations. This year the Special Gift Fund benefited from the annual bake sale and silent auction, the retiree luncheon, and various donations throughout the year totaling \$9, 083.16.

2024 SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

The Health and Human Services Department had 71 clients that received a grant from the SGF, this was an increase from the previous year. Many of the grants went to support new families who required additional assistance with newborn supplies due to a medically compromised birth, loss of a job or a woman fleeing a domestic violence circumstance. Additional supports were requested for various medical needs that were not covered by insurance, course or camp fees, and assistance with basic needs due to unforeseen circumstances. Various service areas were supported by the grant, including Initial

Contact and Access, Long Term Services and Supports, Public Health/Healthy Families, Adult Protection, and Behavioral Health. Grants were issued by check and ranged from \$28 to \$200.

The Special Gift Fund afforded clients the ability to buy basic baby needs while families awaiting benefits or a paycheck from a new job, the ability to purchase new clothes for interviews and/or school, purchase groceries rich in iron to meet their medical needs, attend a camp for specific therapeutic needs, ride safely in a car with proper safety restraints, and assisted with transportation costs so a parent could begin a new job that lead to better opportunities. Employees are gracious for the Special Gift fund and send on words of gratitude and relief knowing that this fund is available for urgent needs that would otherwise be unavailable.

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Hennepin County Health and Human Service
2/21/2025

Board Action Request

25-0091

Item Description:

Approve supplemental appropriations to 2025 HSPH budget for grant Agmt A2412594 to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities, 10/11/24-6/30/26, \$2,067,452 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Human Services and Public Health receive a supplemental appropriation of \$1,378,300 and the addition of 2 Limited duration FTEs to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

Background:

On November 19, 2024 Board Resolution 24-0450 was passed to approve agreement A2412594 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities. This was approved after the budget was submitted, so this Board Action seeks to adjust the 2025 budget to account for planned expenditures.

DHS is committed to increasing competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people who use home and community-based service (HCBS) waivers and intermediate care facility for person with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD) services. This grant is specifically for lead agencies to develop a plan to support people with disabilities in contemplating, exploring, and maintaining competitive, integrated employment. Grantees receive funding and technical assistance from the University of Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) to develop and execute a strategic plan to build their capacity to help people with disabilities explore, plan, find and maintain meaningful employment. The initial grant is for two years, ending June 20, 2026, and may be extended for up to a total of five years.

Impact/Outcome: This grant will support our ability in LTSS to enhance our current efforts to increase competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people who use home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers and intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF-DD).

Disparity Reduction: This request reduces disparities in the employment and income domains. Based on current data (State Fiscal Year 2023) available from DHS on their Employment First dashboard, Hennepin County has a total population of HCBS waiver participants of working-age (16-64) of 14,740. Of those only 12% (1,799) earn \$600+ per month and 77% (11,406) earn no income. Our goal is to increase the number of people receiving HCBS and ICF-DD services who earn a competitive wage as well as increase the number of people who are employed. The specific outcomes will be determined through the plan developed with MTI.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval