

## Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Board Meeting

Item 3

9:10 a.m. Human Services (35 min)

**Staff Contact:** 



## e Sueur Department of Human Services

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Human Services Board Agenda March 20, 2018 @ 9:10 a.m.

### 100- INFORMATION/PRESENTATIONS:

- 101 General Updates and Highlights
  - 101.1 Financial Reporting Perfect Performance Letter of Commendation by State
  - o 101.2 Mental Health Day at the MN State Fair is August 27th
  - 101.3 March is Social Worker Month "Advocates. Champions.
     Leaders" is 2018 National Theme
  - 101.4 March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2018 theme
     "Have the Conversation"

### 200- CHARTS/GRAPHS:

- 210- Finance Graphs/Report;
- 220- Income Maintenance/Child Support Graphs;
- 230- Family Services Graphs-

231- Social Services Team

232- Child Services Team

232.1- Out of Home Placement Report

232.2- In-Home Family Therapy Report;

233- Behavioral Health Team

#### 300- BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS:

310 - \$1,000 Donation to the Minnesota Avenue Resource Center

320 - Commissioner's Warrants



Minnesota Department of Human Services Elmer L. Andersen Building Commissioner Emily Piper Post Office Box 64998 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0998

February 23, 2018

Mr. Lance Wetzel Chair, Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners 88 South Park Avenue Le Center, MN 56057

Re: Calendar year 2017 financial reporting

#### Dear Commissioner Wetzel:

It is my pleasure to commend you and your staff for perfect performance in meeting the Department of Human Services (DHS) financial reporting requirements for calendar year 2017. All key quarterly fiscal reports for programs your county participates in were submitted to our Financial Operations Division on or before the report deadlines and in perfect order. This effort required submission of 32 major reports covering the four calendar quarters of 2017. These reports are:

Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS)\*

Income Maintenance Expense

MFIP Consolidated Fund

Social Service Fund

Client Statistics

Title IV-E

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BRASS-Based Grant Fiscal Report

\*If your county participates in a "local collaborative," submission of this report may require the collection of multiple local partner reports for consolidated submission to DHS.

I know this accomplishment requires planning, an efficient operation, and teamwork within your county Human Services Department. The result is timely revenue for your county and compliance with federal reporting for us at the State. Please congratulate your management and staff on this superb effort.

Sincerely

Emily Piper

Commissioner

Cc: Susan Rynda, Le Sueur County Director



# March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

### Minnesotans encouraged to 'Have the Conversation' about problem gambling and access resources

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is encouraging Minnesotans to make use of its resources on problem gambling as they "Have the Conversation" this month.

Now in its 14th year, National Problem Gambling Awareness Month is designed to help raise awareness of the prevention, treatment and recovery services available for those adversely affected by gambling. Its 2018 theme, "Have the Conversation," attempts to bring this often hidden addiction to light.

About 2 million U.S. adults are estimated to meet criteria for pathological gambling, and another 4 to 6 million would be considered problem gamblers. Especially affected are college students; nearly 6 percent of college students in the U.S. have been estimated to have a serious gambling problem.

DHS' Just Ask MN campaign works to raise awareness among these young people about the risks associated with gambling. Just Ask MN includes a website, justaskmn.org, and social media outreach that connects this younger, at-risk demographic to educational resources and information about gambling activities, the consequences associated with risky gambling behavior, and how to better understand the signs of a problem in order to get help.

"No Judgement" is an ongoing DHS campaign that focuses on problem gambling education and intervention. The website, <u>getgamplinghelp.com</u>, offers resources for individuals and families affected by this issue. Individuals in need of help, as well as affected others, can also call the Minnesota gambling helpline at 1-800-333-HOPE or text HOPE to 61222.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a national initiative spearheaded by the National Council on Problem Gambling. DHS's participation is part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness and reach out to those affected by problem gambling.