



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 16, 2010 Minutes

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors met in the AMC Board Room on Friday, March 19, 2010 AMC President Jon Evert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President, Jon Evert (Clay)	<u> X </u>
1st Vice President, Duane Bakke (Fillmore)	<u> X </u>
2nd Vice President, Randy Maluchnik (Carver)	<u> X </u>
Secretary/Treasurer, John Baerg (Watonwan)	<u> X </u>
Immediate Past President, Jim McDonough (Ramsey)	<u> X </u>

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

District I	Dennis Fink (St. Louis)	<u> X </u>	District IX	Bruce Kubicek (Steele)	<u> X </u>
District II	Joe Vene (Beltrami)	<u> X </u>	District X	Dennis Berg (Anoka)	<u> X </u>
District III	Charlie Pazdernik (Mahnommen)	<u> X </u>	District X	Jim Ische (Carver)	<u> X </u>
District IV	Paul Anderson (Douglas)	<u> X </u>	District X	Nancy Schouweiler (Dakota)	<u> X </u>
District V	Jack Russek (Wright)	<u> X </u>	District X	Peter McLaughlin (Hennepin)	<u> </u>
District VI	Gary Hendrickx (Swift)	<u> X </u>	District X	Rafael Ortega (Ramsey)	<u> X </u>
District VII	Tom Warmka (Faribault)	<u> X </u>	District X	Barbara Marschall (Scott)	<u> X </u>
District VIII	Marvin Tinklenberg (Pipestone)	<u> X </u>	District X	Lisa Weik (Washington)	<u> X </u>

NACO REPRESENTATIVES

Tony Bennett (Ramsey)	<u> X </u>
Randy Johnson (Hennepin)	<u> </u>
Harlan Madsen (Kandiyohi)	<u> X </u>
Paul Wilson (Olmsted)	<u> X </u>

POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ENRPC:	Victoria Reinhardt (Ramsey)	<u> </u>
GGPC:	Tom Warmka (Faribault)	<u> X </u>
HSPC:	Toni Carter (Ramsey)	<u> X </u>
TPC:	Alan Johnston (Roseau)	<u> X </u>
PSPC:	Richard Larson (Kandiyohi)	<u> X </u>

AFFILIATES MEMBERS

Molly O'Rourke (Washington) (MACA)	<u> X </u>	Patty O'Connor (Blue Earth) (MACO)	<u> </u>
Robert M.A. Johnson (Anoka) (MCAA)	<u> X </u>	Mark Erickson (Renville) (MACPZA)	<u> </u>
Lisa Meredith (MCCC)	<u> </u>	Jim Franklin (MSA)	<u> </u>
Darrell Pettis (Le Sueur) (MCEA)	<u> </u>	Ann Busche (St. Louis) (MACSSA)	<u> </u>
Mark Lohmeier (Becker) (MACLC)	<u> </u>	Richard Walter (Houston) (MACS)	<u> </u>
Cheri Lewer (Waseca) (LPHA)	<u> </u>	Theresa Anderson (Norman) (MACVSO)	<u> </u>
Jerry Vitzthum (MWCA)	<u> </u>	Bob Swanberg (Stearns) (MAPCED)	<u> </u>
Bev Wangerin (McLeod) (MAGIC)	<u> X </u>	Kathy Langer (Todd/Wadena) (MACCAC)	<u> </u>
Robyn Sykes (MCIT)	<u> X </u>	Deb Paige (Washington) (AMEM)	<u> </u>
Mjyke Nelson (Washington) (MNCLITA)	<u> </u>		

STAFF

Laurie Klupacs, Interim Co-Director	<u> X </u>
Scott Simmons, Interim Co-Director	<u> X </u>
Donna Hauptert, Administrative Assistant	<u> X </u>

GUESTS

Dennis Hedberg (Washington)	<u> X </u>
Bob Fenwick (Cook)	<u> X </u>
Christopher Shoff (Freeborn)	<u> X </u>
Leigh Lenzmeier (Stearns)	<u> X </u>
Toni Smith, UofM Extension	<u> X </u>
Riaz Aziz (Pope) (MACA)	<u> X </u>

CALL TO ORDER

President Jon Evert called the AMC Board of Directors' meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010 in the AMC Board Room.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda:

- AMC Audit Committee
- Radio Board Appointment

MOTION by Tom Warmka; seconded by Joe Vene to approve the April 16, 2010 AMC Board of Directors' meeting agenda as amended. The motion carried.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Commissioner John Baerg, Watonwan County

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by Marv Tinklenberg to approve the March 19, 2010 Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by Harlan Madsen to approve the February 2010 Financial Statement pending the AMC 2010 annual audit. The motion carried.

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by Bruce Kubicek to approve the AMC Reserve Policy as presented. The motion carried.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – Commissioner Jack Russek, Wright County

Commissioner Jack Russek reported the AMC 2009 annual audit went well and AMC's financials are in order. The committee will look to replace Jim Nelson, Freeborn County Commissioner due to retirement.

MOTION by John Baerg; seconded by Jack Russek to approve the 2009 Year End Financial Statement pending AMC 2009 annual audit. The motion carried.

NACO BOARD APPOINTMENT

County Commissioners Paul Wilson (Olmsted), Christopher Shoff (Freeborn) and Leigh Lenzmeier (Stearns) each addressed the Board asking for support to fill the NACo 12 Large State Delegate Board vacancy. Both Shoff and Lenzmeier recommended to the Board to appoint Paul Wilson as NACo 12 Large State Delegate. Shoff and Lenzmeier requested their applications to be considered for the NACo 100% Delegate position. President Evert stated the Board will consider their applications along with other candidates during the June Board meeting.

MOTION by Jim McDonough; seconded by Paul Anderson to appoint Olmsted County Commissioner Paul Wilson as the NACo Large State Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE RADIO BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOTION by Paul Anderson, Central MN Radio Board vice chair; seconded by Tom Warmka, to appoint Sherburne County Commissioner Larry Farber to the Greater Minnesota Radio Board as an AMC alternate appointment. The motion carried.

SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT – Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough

AMC Past President Jim McDonough, chair of the Screening Committee reported on the movement of the AMC executive director's replacement search. He stated Laurie Klupacs, AMC's interim co-director, sent out RFP's to three well respected search firms. The three firms include: PDI, Brimeyer Fursman and Springsted. The expectations are to create a position profile and salary assessment, recruit and screen candidates, conduct reference and background checks, present recommended candidates and their qualifications to the committee; and provide a reasonable timetable and breakdown of costs. The committee will narrow the selection of candidates to reasonable number and present the best potential candidates to the AMC Board for interviews. All firms submitted excellent proposals and were invited to give a presentation. Two of the three firms gave presentations and a unanimous decision was made to make a recommendation to the AMC Board to select Springsted, Inc.

Springsted is one of the largest and most established independent public sector advisory firms in the United States. Their headquarters is located in St. Paul.

Jim McDonough thanked the Screening Committee members for their time.

MOTION by Harlan Madsen; seconded by Charles Pazdernik to approve a proposal from Springsted to provide search and selection services for AMC's executive director's replacement. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES REPORT – Scott Simmons

Scott Simmons reported the April Legislative Steering Committee was cancelled.

The House and Senate have summarized plans to address the budget deficit in steps. The first step was completed on March 29, when the House and Senate passed a compromise supplemental budget agreement that had been negotiated with the governor, reducing the state's FY 2010-11 deficit by \$312 million and the FY 2012-13 deficit by \$419 million. The agreed-upon solution recommends changes to nearly every area of the state budget, except for the two largest areas: K-12 education and health and human services. The bill uses both one-time and permanent budget reductions, as well as some significant transfers from special revenue accounts.

The House and Senate last week continued to explore the possibility of early expansion of Medicaid, allowed under to provisions in the federal health reform bill. Minnesota is one of eleven states that are allowed to expand Medicaid to persons up to 133% of federal poverty level prior to 2014. In this situation, the state would be required to contribute 50% state match. Changes being considered would replace the state's GAMC program with a federally funded program, but offer higher reimbursement rates to hospitals and other health care providers. The House is considering Huntley's bill, which would cover individuals up to 75% of federal poverty level and repeal the GAMC bill recently passed. DHS indicated that it will not be able to fully implement federal Medicaid changes until January of 2011, so the temporary program would continue until then.

During testimony in the House HHS Finance Committee, several non-metro hospitals indicated that they will not be participating in the recently passed coordinated care option for GAMC. Reasons given were the quick timeline, low reimbursement, and difficulty in negotiating rates and coordinating care for GAMC recipients.

ERIC RATZMANN CONTRACT:

The AMC Executive Committee recommends approval to have AMC contract with Eric Ratzmann for the next six months (June-December 2010). Ratzmann currently serves as MACSSA's legislative liaison during the legislative session and is considered a valued employee. He will be assigned to work on SDA's, performance standards workgroups and other intergovernmental projects. MACSSA intends to renew Ratzmann's contract again in January 2011 with the understanding he may move on to other opportunities during the interim.

MOTION by Harlan Madsen; seconded by Gary Hendrickx to approve a contract between AMC and Eric Ratzmann's for the months of June-December 2010. The motion carried.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY OF MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

An opportunity to eliminate the county chemical dependency treatment maintenance of effort has presented itself this legislative session. Counties contribute to chemical dependency (CD) treatment costs through both a county cost share (15% of total costs) and maintenance of effort (MOE) based on the county level of spending when the program was enacted. Counties have long opposed the CD treatment MOE because of the disproportionate and unpredictable effect on each county. As a result of discussions between House Tax Committee members, AMC staff, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Revenue, a proposal has been developed that would eliminate the MOE in exchange for a slightly larger county share (1.14% increase) of chemical dependency costs. This buy-out can be done by crafting legislation that would increase the 15% county cost share for CD treatment to a 16.14% county cost share as a means of generating the additional \$1 million. A detailed summary describing the proposal and a spreadsheet developed by DHS illustrating the estimated financial impact that an increased county cost share of 16.14% would have on each county was provided. AMC staff is seeking guidance as to whether AMC should pursue legislative action on this proposal this session. County human services directors are also being surveyed for their recommendations.

MOTION by Joe Vene; seconded by Paul Anderson to authorize AMC's efforts to eliminate the maintenance of effort and increase the cost share by 1.14%, thus removing the 'doughnut hole' which entails a 100% county cost share for counties that authorize expenditures at that level. The motion carried.

REDESIGN – Ryan O'Connor

Ryan O'Connor, AMC Policy Analyst gave a comprehensive assessment on AMC's REDESIGN project. The goal is to refocus and advance the project during the upcoming summer and to demonstrate AMC has a plan that will garner significant member input and direction through a process that utilizes the organization's groups (executive committee, board of directors, district meetings, Futures & policy committees). AMC will maintain the REDESIGN initiative through the 'executive director transition phase' and provide the AMC Board of Directors with a broad overview of REDESIGN initiatives that have either been discussed with AMC members but never started or been started but never completed. All identified initiatives – separated into the categories of Policy, General Redesign, or The Culture of Redesign at AMC – require clarity from the executive committee as to whether each initiative should be continued or scrapped, and guidance from AMC staff is also included to highlight considerations that may help executive committee members make informed decisions. Each initiative was briefly reviewed by the lead AMC staff member. Board members congratulated Ryan on his efforts and thanked him for putting this report together.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORT – Laurie Klupacs

Spring District Meetings have been scheduled. Tentative agendas were provided and specifics for the agendas will be discussed with district directors and AMC staff following the board meeting.

The 2010 AMC Board Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for June 17-18 at The Lodge on Detroit Lake in Detroit Lakes, MN. A block of rooms have been reserved and Laurie will send out lodging information.

The AMC Leadership Summit is scheduled for August 11-13, 2010 at Chase on the Lake in Walker, MN. President Evert encourages every county to send at least one person to the summit. He also stressed that this conference is not solely for commissioners; affiliates and department heads are encouraged to attend as well. AMC will pursue an aggressive marketing strategy to encourage attendance among county staff.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS REPORT

AMC affiliate members gave an overview of current activities concerning their associations.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District directors gave an overview of current activities concerning their districts.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) REPORT

The 2010 NACo Western Interstate Region Conference will be held in Yellowstone County/Billings, MT on May 26-28.

The expansion of the NACo executive committee has been positively received and there are three candidates for 2nd Vice President.

The 2010 Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held in Reno-Washoe County, NV, July 16-20.

ADJOURN

Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by Donna Hauptert, for John Baerg, Secretary/Treasurer of the AMC Board of Directors, at the direction of Laurie Klupacs and Scott Simmons, AMC Interim Executive Co-Directors.

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