

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**  
**WATONWAN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES**  
May 24, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

The Watonwan County Human Services Board of Commissioners met in a special session on May 24, 2022 at **1:00 P.M.** The meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Dillon Melheim.

**ROLL CALL** – The following committee members participated in the teleconference meeting, Chair, Jim Branstad; Vice Chair, Dillon Melheim; Commissioners, Jim Pettersen and Bob Rinne; Citizen’s Representative, Ted Hedberg; Director, Naomi Ochsendorf and Support Services Supervisor, Erin Marks. **ABSENT:** Commissioner, Bill Miller and Citizen’s Representative, Nicolas Castillo.

**2. SPECIAL SESSION ITEMS-** Naomi Ochsendorf

- Motion from Rinne, seconded by Pettersen and the motion carried unanimously, through roll call voting, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing “Agent of the Board”

**WATONWAN COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**  
EFFECTIVE DATE JUNE 1, 2022

The Watonwan County Community Health Board, here after referred to as the Board, by virtue of its authority under Minnesota Statutes 145A and by this Resolution of the Board adopted at a scheduled meeting of the Watonwan County Community Health Board on May 24, 2022, hereby appoints and authorizes the following person(s) to act on the Board’s behalf effective June 1, 2022 and bind the Board for the following purpose(s):

- A. To serve as the **Community Health Services Administrator** and the Board’s agent according to Minnesota Statute 145A.04, Subd. 2, in communicating with the Commissioner of Health between Board meetings, including receiving information from the Commissioner and disseminating that information to the Board, as well as providing information to the Commissioner on the Board’s behalf.

Name: **Barbara Salmela-Lind**  
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- B. To sign and submit to the Commissioner the required components of the Local Public Health Act including identification of local priorities, progress reports and budgets according to Minnesota Statute 145A.04, Subd.1a.

Name: Barbara Salmela-Lind

- C. To submit grant applications, sign and execute contracts on behalf of the Board for funding opportunities administered by the Minnesota Department of Health and other entities.

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- D. To review, approve and submit invoices on behalf of the Board for activities for funding opportunities administered by the Minnesota Department of Health and other entities.

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This resolution authorizes the above referenced appointees to act on behalf of and bind the Board to the extent and for the purposes indicated in this resolution.

- Motion from Branstad, seconded by Pettersen and the motion carried unanimously, through roll call voting, to support Ochsendorf in writing a letter to the Minnesota Department of Human Services to **decline the Children’s Mental Health Residential Service Path (Third Pathway) allocation.**

3. **ADJOURNED**

- Motion from Pettersen, seconded by Hedberg and the motion carried unanimously, through roll call voting, to adjourn the teleconference meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Marks, Support Services Supervisor

Dated: 6/22/2022

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Dillon Melheim, Vice Chair

Dated: 6/22/2022