

Traverses County Commission
Special Board Meeting
July 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Commission Chairman Todd Johnson. Other Commissioners present were Kayla Schmidt, Dave Salberg and Dwight Nelson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the Resolution Objecting to 2023 Minnesota Department of Human Services Selection of Participating Health Plans. Upon a motion by Nelson and second by Schmidt the following resolution was unanimously approved, 4-0:

RESOLUTION 22-27
OBJECTION TO 2023 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING HEALTH PLANS

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners objects to the Minnesota Department of Human Services' ("the Department") selection of participating health plans for Traverse County;

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners objects to the Department's decision to disregard the County's decision to provide healthcare services under Minn. Stat. § 256B.69 and Minn. Stat. § 256B.692 to eligible recipients of the Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), Special Needs Basic Care, and Families and Children Medical Assistance Programs within the County;

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners previously authorized the County to request mediation under Minn. Stat. § 256B.69, subd. 3a to challenge the Department's procurement decision;

WHEREAS, the PrimeWest Health Joint Powers Board of Directors comprising county commissioners from each of the legally established participating PrimeWest Health Joint Powers counties has authorized PrimeWest Health as a single entity representing a group of counties, including Traverse County, to seek mediation with the Department;

WHEREAS, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners seeks to retain the law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to represent the County in challenging the Department's procurement determinations in mediation or, as necessary, in other legal action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traverse County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the County to retain Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to represent the County in mediation with the Department pursuant to Minn. Stat. §256B.69, subd. 3a(d), both on behalf of the County individually and through PrimeWest Health as the single entity representing a group of county boards.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2022.

Todd Johnson, Chairman

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Todd Johnson, Chairman