



## Committee of the Whole Human Services Agenda

Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
Anoka County Government Center

8:30 AM

Conference Room 710  
2100 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Anoka, MN 55303

**Public comments:** Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to 2 minutes. Questions directed to the committee will not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.

### Human Services Administration

1. **Informational** Understanding Federal Changes to SNAP and MA under H.R. 1. **See attached** worksheet.

### Community Corrections

2. Consider recommending approval of Grant Contract #AWP-100007 / Anoka County Children and Family Council. **See attached** worksheet.

### Job Training Center

3. Consider recommending member reappointment to the Workforce Development Board. **See attached** worksheet and application.
4. **Informational** 2026 Economic and Workforce Development Summit. **See attached** worksheet.
5. **Informational** Region 4 Construct Tomorrow Event. **See attached** worksheet.

### Public Health and Environmental Services

6. Consider new member appointment to the Community Health Advisory Committee. **See attached** worksheet and application.

### Social Services

7. Consider recommending adoption of Resolution #2026-HS-5, Proclaiming March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County. **See attached worksheet** and resolution.

### Behavioral Health

8. Consider member reappointment to the Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee. **See attached worksheet** and application.
9. Consider new member appointment to the Children’s Mental Health Advisory and Coordination Council. **See attached worksheet** and application.

### Human Services Routine Informational

10. Consider, for informational purposes only:

Dept.	Contract #	Vendor	Service	Term	Signed by
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Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011971	Achieve Services	Supported Employment	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	K. Heffernan J. Dickinson
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011906	Family Wise	High Fidelity Wraparound Services	1/1/2026 12/31/2026	K. Heffernan J. Dickinson
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011935	Fraser	Contracted Waiver Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	Kate Heffernan
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011934	Fraser	Contracted Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011939	MN Brain Injury Alliance	Waiver Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	Kate Heffernan
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011938	MN Brain Injury Alliance	Contracted Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011945	Supportive Living Solutions	Home and Community Based Waivers	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	Kate Heffernan
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011944	Supportive Living Solutions	County Funded Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011976	Opportunity Services	Day Support Services	1/1/2026 12/31/2026	K. Heffernan J. Dickinson
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011975	Opportunity Services	Supported Employment	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011943	People Incorporated	Waiver Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	Kate Heffernan
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011942	People Incorporated	Case Management	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011905	Family Based Therapy Associates	Family Based Therapy	1/1/2026 12/31/2026	K. Heffernan J. Dickinson
Social Services and Behavioral Health	#C0011928	First Lutheran Church	Faily Caregiver Connection Program	1/1/2026 12/31/2027	George Borrell
Economic Assistance	#C0011991	Anoka County Attorney's Office	Fraud Investigation	1/1/2026 12/31/2026	K. Heffernan J. Dickinson



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Human Services Administration		February 10, 2026
Understanding Federal Changes to SNAP and MA under H.R.1		INFORMATION
<b>Action Requested</b>	None – Informational Presentation	
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Human Services Division is leading a strategic effort to address major federal program changes to SNAP and MA resulting from the Federal Reconciliation Bill (H.R.1). A key objective of this project is to identify the number of households/individuals affected and to mitigate any impact on the county tax levy caused by administrative cost shifts.</p> <p>Federal and state guidance continues to evolve, but recent SNAP changes took effect in November 2025, with additional changes to both SNAP and MA expected through 2026 and beyond.</p> <p><u>Context:</u> The Federal Reconciliation Bill (H.R.1), signed into law on July 4, 2025, introduced significant changes to two key programs: the <a href="#">Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</a> and <a href="#">Medical Assistance (MA)</a>, Minnesota’s Medicaid program. These changes affect eligibility rules, funding, and benefits, with direct implications for Anoka County clients, Human Services staff, and state/county budgets.</p> <p>The presentation will outline key changes, anticipated impacts to Anoka county, and the Division’s commitment to careful planning and continued support for the individuals and families we serve.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> <small>(County, State, Federal, or Other)</small>	NA	
<b>Prior Action</b>	None	
<b>Recommendation</b>	None at this time.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Kate Heffernan	
<b>Approved By</b>	Kate Heffernan	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Community Corrections		February 10, 2026
Anoka County Children and Family Council – Grant Contract # AWP-100007		ACTION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Authorization to apply for and accept grant contract # AWP-100007 from the Anoka County Children and Family Council (ACCFC) located at 2100 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., Anoka, MN 55303. The grant period is from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027, and the total award amount is up to \$50,000.	
<b>Background</b>	<p>Anoka County Corrections, in partnership with local school districts, has identified a gap in services regarding juvenile truancy. A recurring theme identified in truancy Diversion Hearings is a breakdown of parental authority in the home. This lack of authority can lead to continued truancy, court appearances, and potential out-of-home placements.</p> <p>The Corrections Department has identified a community partner, Katallasso Group, that specializes in truancy issues and provides Restorative Leadership Training. This training involves structured individual and group parenting coaching sessions which focus on restoring parental authority and building positive family dynamics. It is hoped that referring parents of truants to such training will empower their parental authority and lead to less truancy, fewer court appearances, and reduced out of home placements.</p> <p>Currently, the Corrections Department does not have funding to support such an initiative. Therefore, we are applying for grant funding from the Anoka County Children and Family Council to support a partnership with Katallasso Group. If awarded the grant, it is anticipated we would contract with Katallasso Group to support up to 250 Anoka County families.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	Anoka County Children and Family Council	
<b>Prior Action</b>	None.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Authorization to apply for and accept grant contract # AWP-100007 from the Anoka County Children and Family Council (ACCFC) located at 2100 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., Anoka, MN 55303. The grant period is from 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027, and the total award amount is up to \$50,000.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Scot Wilson, Lead Program Planner	
<b>Approved By</b>	Dylan Warkentin, Director	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Job Training Center		February 10, 2026
Workforce Development Board Reappointment		ACTION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Permission to reappoint Molly Liberto, Adult Basic Education and Community Education Manager, to the Anoka County Workforce Development Board (WDB) to represent Adult Basic Education, Title II of the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA).	
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Workforce Development Board provides policy guidance and oversight for workforce development services delivered through the Anoka County Job Training Center and the CareerForce in Blaine workforce development area for Anoka County in partnership with the Anoka County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>Board vacancies need to be filled to maintain the required Board membership as defined in the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act which include a majority representation of Business Representatives, membership from Union and Community Based and Education Representatives, Adult Basic Education and Higher Education Representatives, Government, Economic Development Representatives and Local Elected Officials.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> <small>(County, State, Federal, or Other)</small>	N/A	
<b>Prior Action</b>	Previously approved at the February 8, 2024, Human Services Committee meeting for a two-year term.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommend County Board Chair reappointment of Molly Liberto to the Anoka County Workforce Development Board for a two-year term once approved by the Anoka County Board. The term will be February 1, 2026. to January 31, 2028. Application paperwork attached.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Department Director	
<b>Approved By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Department Director	



# Anoka County Committee Appointments Application

**Name:** Molly Liberto **Date:** 1/2/26

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board/Commission applying for:** Anoka County Workforce Development Board

**Your county commissioner:** Scott Schulte, District 4

**Personal background:** I am a member of the community that this board serves both through home and work. I have been in the field of education for almost 30 years most of which has been spent working with underrepresented youth and adult populations.

**Experience relating to position:**

I have been a teacher, Program Supervisor, and a Community Education Manager with Anoka-Hennepin ISD 11/Metro North Adult Basic Education for a combined total of 19 years. I spent 15 years co-located and partnering with the Anoka County Job Training Center. Together we developed and provided multiple training opportunities to residents in our area. As a Program Supervisor, I partnered with employers to offer contextualized instruction, on-boarding, and internship opportunities. This would be my third term serving on the Anoka County WDB, as well as the Standing Youth Committee. I have also served on the Executive Board during each of my first two terms.

**Why are you interested in this position?**

As a leader in Adult Basic Education, it is my responsibility to make sure we are offering programming for adults that support the economic growth in our community, promote lifelong learning, and better the lives of those we serve. As a member of the WDB, I have access to the most recent data and needs assessments for our community. This information allows for ABE to offer targeted programming in a timely manner with the support of potential partnerships and employers. I fully support the work of the Anoka County WDB and look forward to continuing to serve my community.



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Job Training Center		February 10, 2026
2026 Economic and Workforce Development Summit		INFORMATION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Information	
<b>Background</b>	<p>On March 11, 2026 from 9 am to 12 pm the Job Training Center (JTC) and Anoka County Regional Economic Development (ACRED) will cohost the 2026 Economic and Workforce Development Summit at the Bunker Hills Event Center. This year’s Summit is titled, “Generations in the Workplace”. This year’s goal is to gather 175 area businesses to learn strategies to attract and retain talent in a tight labor market while networking with business owners, executives, hiring managers, and service providers to get the support needed to grow their business.</p> <p>The workforce shortage and tight labor market continues to be a leading concern and challenge for Minnesota and National businesses, and this Summit allows us to bring businesses together for collective conversation and learnings around talent attraction and hiring opportunities, and retention strategies in a constant changing environment.</p> <p>JTC has been highly successful in engaging businesses, and we work closely with the Anoka County Economic Development partners and local Chambers as well. The primary goal of the Summit is to bring together business leaders and workforce development professionals/experts to discuss and explore workforce challenges and opportunities, fostering collaboration and driving innovation to prepare businesses for the future.</p> <p>Funding for the event includes Region 4 metro area Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act regional funds along with event sponsorships from Connexus Energy and Aggressive Hydraulics. Keynote presenters will speak on the 5 generations in the workplace as each brings unique perspectives, values, and strengths that shape how we collaborate and succeed. A panel highlighting agencies that provide services to the generation spans will provide resources and support to attendees. There will also be several vendor tables from local workforce development partners and Chambers.</p> <p>Region 4 includes Anoka, Dakota-Scott, Washington, Ramsey and Hennepin-Carver and the City of Minneapolis.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	Regional grant funds.	
<b>Prior Action</b>	N/A	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Information.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Director	
<b>Approved By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Director	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Job Training Center		February 10, 2026
Region 4 Construct Tomorrow Event		INFORMATION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Information only.	
<b>Background</b>	<p>On February 24, 2026 the Job Training Center (JTC) is hosting a Region 4 metro area Construct Tomorrow event at the National Sport Center in Blaine. Construct Tomorrow is a statewide initiative that introduces high school students to careers in the union construction trades through engaging, hands-on events.</p> <p>The mission is to educate students about the benefits of union careers, competitive wages, strong benefits, and debt-free training through registered apprenticeships while showcasing the wide variety of skilled trades available. Construct Tomorrow utilizes sponsorships from a variety of construction industry leaders and was created to address workforce shortages in the industry as it faced a growing need for skilled labor as experienced workers retired and demand for projects increased.</p> <p>Typically, there are 6 – 9 events every year and since it’s founding in 2013, Construct Tomorrow has connected with nearly 90,000 students across Minnesota. Currently, there are over 830 high-school students registered for the JTC representing schools across the 7-county metro area and several in surrounding counties. The goal is to have 1,000 students participate in the event.</p> <p>Trades represented at the event include electrical, finishing trades, pipefitters, cement masons, iron and sheet metal workers to name just a few. Union representatives from these groups will showcase their industries, apprenticeships and provide students with opportunities to use tools and equipment at interactive stations. Anoka Technical College will be joining JTC, and the Construct Tomorrow teams at the event showcasing training programs that support the trades.</p> <p>Construct Tomorrow is more than an event, it’s a strategic investment in Minnesota’s future workforce, creating pathways to stable, high-paying careers while strengthening the union construction industry.</p> <p>Region 4 includes Anoka, Dakota-Scott, Washington, Ramsey and Hennepin-Carver and the City of Minneapolis.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	Regional grant funds.	
<b>Prior Action</b>	N/A	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Information only.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Director	
<b>Approved By</b>	Nicole Swanson, Director	



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Public Health & Environmental Services		February 10, 2026
Community Health Advisory Committee Appointment		ACTION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Appointment of Amy Furth, representing District 1, to the Community Health Advisory Committee for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.	
<b>Background</b>	The Anoka County Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC) serves as an advisory body to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners acting as the Board of Health. The Committee has 15 members appointed to staggered, fixed terms of three years.	
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	N/A	
<b>Prior Action</b>	Annual recommendation to the Anoka County Board for CHAC members.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Recommend the following be appointed as member of the Community Health Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2028:  <u>Representing District 1</u> Amy Furth	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Jonelle Hubbard – Director	
<b>Approved By</b>	Jonelle Hubbard – Director	

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First Name Amy

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Last Name Furth

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Date Submitted 1/8/2026

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Board/Commission applying for: Community Health Advisory Committee

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Your county commissioner: District 1 - John Heinrich

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Find your commissioner here: [MN Pollfinder](#)

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Personal background: *Field not completed.*

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Experience relating to position: Registered Nurse

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Describe why you are interested in the position: Help the community.

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ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Social Services		February 10, 2026
Resolution #2026-HS-5 Proclaiming March 2026 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County		ACTION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Adoption of Resolution #2026-HS-5, Proclaiming March 2026 Development Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County.	
<b>Background</b>	<p>The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities is the national membership association for the 56 Governor-appointed State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) across the United States and its territories.</p> <p>The DD Council advocate for policy change and programs that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion for all individuals in the United States with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p> <p>The DD Council recognizes March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.</p> <p>In 1963, the United States Congress passed the Federal Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights Act (DD Act). The DD Act defines developmental disabilities as a natural part of the human experience, stating those with developmental disabilities have the right to live independently, contribute to their communities and be fully integrated and included in all aspects of society.</p> <p>It's estimated approximately 6,000 Anoka County citizens have a developmental disability. Anoka County uses a mix of federal, state and county funding to support individuals with developmental disabilities to live in the least restrictive community-based setting that can meet their needs and to maximize community integration</p> <p>Anoka County proudly serves individuals with developmental disabilities to ensure they are able to exercise their full rights and pursue meaningful and productive lives free of abuse and neglect. Our case managers are strong advocates for individuals to be fully integrated and included into our society.</p>	
<b>Funding Source</b> <small>(County, State, Federal, or Other)</small>	N/A	
<b>Prior Action</b>	Adoption of Resolution #2025 HS-4, Proclaiming March as Development Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Adoption of Resolution #2026-HS-5, Proclaiming March 2026 Development Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County.	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Tom Meyer	
<b>Approved By</b>	George Borrell	

**RESOLUTION #2026-HS-5**  
**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS**  
**MONTH IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, the national membership association for the 56 Governor-appointed State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) across the United States and its territories, proclaims March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is a community in which approximately 6,000 citizens have been diagnosed with a developmental disability; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are valuable members of our society who are rich with abilities and experience and are a vital part of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, those with developmental disabilities contribute to the health and well-being of our community through full integration and inclusion in all parts of our society; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County supports that people with developmental disabilities can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month provides opportunities for individuals and families to share their experiences and knowledge with others so we all may be made more aware of how developmental disabilities affect all our lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County.



ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Behavioral Health		February 10, 2026						
Re-appointment to the Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee		ACTION						
<b>Action Requested</b>	Re-Appoint Jeff Alberts to the Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee.							
<b>Background</b>	The Minnesota Comprehensive Mental Health Act mandates that counties shall establish a local Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee and a Children’s Mental Health Advisory and Coordination Council. The duties of these councils are to seek input from parents, consumers, providers, and the community about the needs of adults and children with mental illness and the services required. In addition, these councils evaluate the existing system of care and develop recommendations to improve the system, service coordination, and funding of services to adults and children with a mental illness. The advisory committee members are appointed for three-year terms.							
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	The county receives dollars from the Minnesota Adult Mental Health Initiative grant to pay for members with lived experience to receive stipends in the amount of \$55 per meeting if they choose to be reimbursed for their time.							
<b>Prior Action</b>	Jeff was first appointed to the council in the early 1990’s. He has been re-appointed multiple times.							
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommends the re-appointment for the following individual to the Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee:  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Jeff Alberts</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Re-Appointment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mental Health Professional</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sagent Behavioral Health</td> <td>Term Expiration date: February 29, 2028</td> </tr> </table>		Jeff Alberts	Re-Appointment	Mental Health Professional		Sagent Behavioral Health	Term Expiration date: February 29, 2028
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Sagent Behavioral Health	Term Expiration date: February 29, 2028							
<b>Submitted By</b>	Laura Eng, Lead Program Planner							
<b>Approved By</b>	George Borrell, Director							

# Anoka County Committee Appointments Application

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First Name	Jeffrey "Jeff"
Last Name	Alberts
Date Submitted	1/5/2026
Board/Commission applying for:	Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee

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Personal background: Family members with mental health issues.

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Experience relating to position: Provider of mental health services in Anoka County since 1990.

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Describe why you are interested in the position: I've be fortunate to serve on the LAC for many years and would like the opportunity to continue to do so.

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ANOKA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS  
 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Behavioral Health		February 10, 2026
Appointment to the Children’s Mental Health Advisory & Coordination Council		ACTION
<b>Action Requested</b>	Appoint Sarah Jacobs to the Children’s Mental Health Advisory & Coordination Council Committee.	
<b>Background</b>	The Minnesota Comprehensive Mental Health Act mandates that counties shall establish a local Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee and a Children’s Mental Health Advisory and Coordination Council. The duties of these councils are to seek input from parents, consumers, providers, and the community about the needs of adults and children with mental illness and the services required. In addition, these councils evaluate the existing system of care and develop recommendations to improve the system, service coordination, and funding of services to adults and children with a mental illness. The advisory committee members are appointed for three-year terms.	
<b>Funding Source</b> (County, State, Federal, or Other)	The county receives dollars from the Minnesota Adult Mental Health Initiative grant to pay for members with lived experience to receive stipends in the amount of \$55 per meeting if they choose to be reimbursed for their time.	
<b>Prior Action</b>	None	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommend the following Appointment for the following individual to the Children’s Mental Health Advisory & Coordination Council Committee Sarah Jacobs Consumer as a Child Columbia Heights, MN Appointment Term Expiration Date: March 31, 2028	
<b>Submitted By</b>	Laura Eng, Lead Program Planner	
<b>Approved By</b>	George Borrell, Director	

# Anoka County Committee Appointments Application

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First Name Sarah

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Last Name Jacobs

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Date Submitted 1/15/2026

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Board/Commission applying for: Children's Mental Health Advisory and Coordination Council

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Your county commissioner: District 7 - Mandy Meisner

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Personal background: *Field not completed.*

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Experience relating to position: I've dealt with mental health issues since I was 15. I've learned many ways to cope with depression and anxiety and feel that I could help others. I may still struggle from time to time but, I'm living a much better life with my own apartment.

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Describe why you are interested in the position: I'm interested in this position because I would love to help others with what I've already went through and help find ways to support them in the community.

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