

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 5, 2019 @ 6:15 pm  
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Nudo, Supervisor Celebre, Supervisor Gaschke, Supervisor Goebel and Supervisor Rodriguez.

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Andy Berg, Supervisor William Grady

Youth in Governance Present: Isabella Ricker, Chance Ciskowski

Staff Present: John Jansen, Debbie Rueber, Amanda Tuura and Elizabeth Smith.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Vice Chairman Goebel. Roll call was taken. Supervisor Andy Berg and Chairman William Grady were excused.

2. Citizen's Comments- Supervisor John Poole, County Board Supervisor District 20, is here to talk about Marijuana, Mental Illness and Violence. After an exhausted review the National Academy of Medicine found in 2017 that cannabis use is likely to increase the risk of developing schizophrenia and other psychosis. The higher the use the greater the risk. Regular use is more likely to cause a risk of societal anxiety disorder. Patterns of its use and the # of people using cannabis heavily is soaring. Potency has increased over the years as well. In the 70's marijuana contained 2% THC and now it routinely contains nearly 28%. States where it is legal, users prefer extracts which is nearly pure THC. The most obvious way that cannabis yields violence is its tendency to cause paranoia. The risk is so obvious that users actually joke about it and dispensaries advertise certain strains as less likely produce paranoia. With the cases that we have had that are transferred to Mendota we need to find if it was due to marijuana use before we legalize it.

Marieta Huff, 7939 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha, WI 53142. Emergency Services Board has about 40 non-profits which seem to have their finger on the needs of people in the community but she does not know how this is all conveyed to the HSC which has funds to help. Thank you for the money for the housing vouchers for the homeless. That will be used up by the spring. Hospital only allows 15 mins in for every 2 hours. We need an overnight shelter for the homeless so more people can be served in a more cost effective manner.

3. Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on December 4, 2018 with the change showing Andy Berg as excused under roll call and not absent was made by Supervisor Nudo, seconded by Supervisor Zach Rodriguez. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Terrance Warthen to the Kenosha County Human Services Board

Terrance Warthen to the Human Services Board as a new committee member spoke about his current involvement in the community and what he brings to the table to sit on the HSB.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Gaschke. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of Judy Jensen to the Kenosha Commission of on Aging and Disability Services.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Nudo, seconded by Supervisor Gaschke. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Presentation: Medically Assisted Treatment Program – DOH / DADS

Presenters Debbie Rueber and Amanda Tuura. The Kenosha County Opioid Initiative-41 confirmed overdoses in 2018 (not finalized). The highest was 2017 where there were 57. 49 were opioids overdoses. We are seeing a huge increase in fentanyl. Supervisor Goebel asked if fentanyl was coming from Illinois. Debbie responded that a lot of people are buying it online or dealers are putting it in other drugs so they don't have to use as much as it is 10 times more potent than heroin. It is a synthetic laboratory made drug where heroin is from the poppy plant. Supervisor Rodriguez inquired if the overdoses are intentional or accidental. There is an OD death review team but they are not able to break down those numbers.

Kenosha is 1 of 3 communities piloting a narcan program. We are able to do narcan training and distribute narcan to the community. You must be 18 years old to take the 30 minute training. Narcan is a reversal drug to start you breathing and comes in a nasal spray. Narcan only works for opiates and opioids. It will not harm someone who has used other drugs. KPD is not carrying narcan in their squads but do have it in their evidence room in case anything becomes airborne. They feel that EMS gets there quick enough. Supervisor Rodriguez inquired about the cost-\$75 for 2 doses.

The Medically Assisted Treatment Program was started in 2016. They work with Professional Services Group (PSG), Kenosha County Detention Center (KCDC) and the DA's office. The MAT uses Vivitrol which is a non-addictive medication which the client receives monthly through an injection. Vivitrol blocks the receptors in the brain that are vulnerable to opioids. They are given injections every 28 days. The clients also receive counseling to help them with their behavioral health issues. First client was a community based client who had detox program and received their first does of Vivitrol in February 2016 and in March of 2016 first client from KCDC was given their first injection.

Hidden in Plain sight-This is a mock bedroom set-up where parents can look to see where drugs could be hidden. They have worked with KUSD to get information out to parents that it is okay to go in your child's room. This is a very mixed, very diverse population that it is affecting. Some clients have say they were as young as 7 or 8 years old when they first used.

The report was well received.

8. Committee Members Comments

None

9. Any Other Business as Authorized by

None

10. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Celebre. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)