

# Kenosha



# County

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: <b>REQUEST TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KARI FOSS AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF AGING, DISABILITY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>			
Original <input type="checkbox"/>	Corrected <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/>	Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Submitted: June 16, 2023		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted By: Human Services Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>		Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	
Prepared By: John T. Jansen, Director Department of Human Services		Signature: 	

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2023/24-17, the County Executive has appointed Kari Foss to the position of Director of the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services. This is an appointment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Foss was hired by Kenosha County in 2020 as Manager of Behavioral Health Services and has held that position during her tenure.

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the request of the County Executive for confirmation of the above-named to serve as the Director of the Division of Workforce Development and is recommending to the County Board the approval of the appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors confirms the appointment of Kari Foss as the Director of the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services at an annual salary of \$95,415. Ms. Foss's appointment shall be effective immediately.



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Samantha Kerkman, County Executive

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## APPOINTMENT 2023/24-17

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE KENOSHA COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING, DISABILITY AND BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH SERVICES**

TO THE HONORABLE KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Placing special trust in her judgment and based upon her qualifications, I hereby submit to the Honorable Kenosha County Board of Supervisors for its review and confirmation the name of:

Kari Foss  
8600 Sheridan Road  
Kenosha, WI 53143

to serve as the Director of the Kenosha County Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services.

Ms. Foss has held the position of Manager of Behavioral Health Services with Kenosha County since March of 2020. Prior to this role, Ms. Foss served as Director of the Community Intervention Center at Kenosha Human Development Services and as a Crisis Stabilization Coordinator. Ms. Foss earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in 1999. As the Director of the Kenosha County Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services, Ms. Foss will receive \$95,415 as an annual salary.

Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Samantha Kerkman  
Kenosha County Executive

Approved by:

HUMAN SERVICES  
 COMMITTEE

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
<u>Zack Stock</u> Zack Stock, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Tim Stocker</u> Tim Stocker, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Dave Geertsen</u> Supervisor Dave Geertsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jeff Gentz</u> Supervisor Jeff Gentz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Edward D. Kubicki</u> Supervisor Ed Kubicki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Supervisor Amanda Nedweski</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Monica Yuhas</u> Supervisor Monica Yuhas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Kari Foss



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Kenosha County Behavioral Manager with more than 27 years' experience serving Kenosha county residents. Providing quality social services to the Kenosha Community. Passionate, hard-working and mission driven, I build strong relationships with individuals and organizations alike. I am successful at managing multiple responsibilities while maintaining a strong work ethic and maintaining a positive attitude. I exhibit consistent supervisory presence by keeping in mind all employees' abilities. I seek "out of the box" solutions and will work diligently through completion. I have cultivated strong, professional relationships with; law enforcement agencies, all entities of county government, mental health professionals, medical staff, Kenosha County Circuit Court and Pretrial facilities, Wisconsin Department of Health Services staff, and Kenosha County Human Services Departments. My professional goals are centered around building a healthy community in which I both live and work.

## SKILLS

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- Expertise in crisis intervention techniques
- Strong public speaker
- Culturally sensitive
- Superior knowledge of Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 34, 36, 51, 55, 63, 75, and 83
- Over 23 years of management experience
- New program/contract development and monitoring

## Work History

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03/2020 to present

### **Behavioral Health Manager**

#### **Kenosha County Division of Aging, Disability & Behavioral Health Services**

Oversight of programming and contracts related to county behavioral health services. All programming, either county staffed or contracted supported by grants, tax levy or settlement dollars. Oversight includes contract negotiations within budget parameters, contract specification adherence monitoring, and continued system development.

Chair of the Opioid Settlement Advisory panel, chair of the Substance Abuse Coalition/Opioid Taskforce, chair of Kenosha County Chapter 51 Committee. All three leadership roles afford me the opportunity to build system changes across a multi-discipline system. Created, marketed, and implemented Kenosha County Human Services on the Go, providing never before multi-division outreach at a neighborhood level.

Spearheaded a 6 year long unprecedented DHS, DOJ approved Wisconsin/ Illinois contract for involuntary psychiatric hospitalizations. Working with 2 states legislatures, corporation counsel, private corporate attorneys, hospital staff, county government, and 11 law enforcement agencies in 2 states. Project has a projected cost savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars of county tax levy and most importantly provides accessible, quality care to Kenosha County residents.

Review all residential, inpatient, and transportation bills from providers to Kenosha County Division of Aging and Disabilities Services, Account Clerk prior to provider reimbursement.

*Past job responsibilities have included:*

Direct supervision of Adult Crisis Manager, IVD case worker, AODA specialist, Psychiatric PA, TCM, and CCS.

Initial Lead Screener of Mental Health Redesign, functional screen pilot.

Children Come First Coordinator

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Directors for Kenosha Velodrome Racing**

**Italian American Ladies Auxiliary**

**Board of Directors for Kenosha Velosport Racing**

**EDUCATION** \_\_\_\_\_

1999

**Bachelor of Arts: Sociology/ Criminal Justice**

**University of Wisconsin – Parkside – Kenosha, Wisconsin**

**Excellent References Available Upon Request**