

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 5, 2021 @ 5 pm Virtual meeting

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Decker, Gulley and Wienke

Excused: Supervisor Celebre

YIG Present: None present

Others Present: John Jansen, Dr. Jen Freiheit, Ron Rogers, Donna Dickenson, Donna Rhodes, Nina Taylor, Dustin Feeney

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairman Belsky. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen's Comments-** None

3. **Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments-**Chairman Belsky would like to have more substance at the meetings. If you want anything discussed or would like specific reports, please let Chairman Belsky know as she will be setting up monthly meetings with Director Jansen.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on December 1, 2020 was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Decker. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Human Services Committee/Human Services Board Budget meeting on October 21, 2020 was made by Supervisor Wienke, seconded by Supervisor Wienke. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution to request increased funding from the State for County Child Support Services-**John Jansen introduced Nina Taylor, Director of Workforce Development and Dustin Feeney, Manager in Child Support Unit. The Department of Children and families has suggested that counties ask for resolutions from their counties as we feel strongly as we will have a loss of federal reimbursement. Minimum of \$150,000 as we will lose a federal match. 60 counties have written resolutions that their boards have signed on. We are asking for this for the 2021-2023 biennium budget from the state.

Dustin Feeney stated the we promote self-sufficiency with families. We provide employment programming, Fatherhood programming and co-parenting since 2012. As of August 1, 2020, there is mandatory genetic testing with new cases which means increased costs to us.

Chairman Belsky asked if there was a bill passed in June 2019 that eliminated this funding? Dustin stated it was not a bill but a federal interpretation of the law. They said the federal match would end in June of 2019 so the state would provide the funding until the end of 2021 but then they would need a legislative move in the budget to continue funding.

More discussion was had.

Motion to approve the Resolution to request increased funding from the State for County Child Support Services was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Wienke. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Division of Health Updates-**Chairman Belsky asked Dr. Freiheit about the COVID status. Dr. Freiheit said that cases were coming down in December. Preparing for a possible spike in February. Trying to expand testing capacity. Hospitalizations are down ever so slightly, and death statistic are up. Virtual School helped.

The vaccine is here but the people must still be diligent keeping themselves safe. The staff got trained very quickly. We received 300 vaccines. We were one of only 8 in the state that got vaccines and we were the first to administer vaccines. EMT's received first doses. This week we received 400 doses and we will be reaching out to 1A providers. We probably have about 11,000 1A provider list. Then we move on to the 1B provider list.

There are about 12,500 people in 1B and about 58,000 people in the 1C group. There are 2 different programs with Federal pharmacies which is all long-term care facilities and are different from Public Health vaccinations.

8. **2019 Youth Justice Report**-Ron Rogers introduced Donna Dickenson, Social Work Supervisor Youth Justice Unit and Donna Rhodes, Gang Intervention Supervisor, to give the 2019 Youth Justice Report. The presentation was well received.

Chairman Belsky did ask that when the 2020 Youth Justice Report was released that Ron Rogers return to give an updated report.

9. **Update on Foster Parent Support Program**-Ron Rogers reported that when he spoke to the committee in September this was a pilot program with 14 families and 50 volunteers. At this time, they have been able to hire a full-time employee who did start the week of Thanksgiving. We now have 23 families being served with 88 volunteers. 28 families received full Thanksgiving meals. They also connected with Comfort for a Cause. 20 families were gifted with blankets which totaled 90 blankets given to every child whether biological or foster.
10. **Updates on Kenosha County Equity Efforts**-Supervisor Gulley had emailed a status update on members. We have the people that will make up the committee and who will write the resolution that will launch the racial equity commission. They were either recommended or asked to be involved. First meeting will be scheduled for next week. We have great support from John Jansen and other staff members to get this moving along.
11. **Any other business as authorized by law** - None
12. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Decker. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)