

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 7, 2023 at 6 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Nedweski, Stocker, Stock, Kubicki, Geertsen and Yuhas

Committee Member Excused: Supervisor Gentz

Youth-In-Governance Present: Erika Bando

Youth-In-Governance Excused: Eric LaMere

Staff Present: John Jansen, Evan Gorr, Liane Blanck

Others Present: Tami Rongstad, Supervisor Bashaw

1. **Call to order / Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chairman Nedweski. Roll call was taken.
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Chairman's / Committee Members / Supervisors / YIG comments:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2023** - Supervisor Geertsen made a motion to accept the minutes from January 3, 2023. Supervisor Stock seconded. All in Favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Narcan Training and Fentanyl test strips** – Presented by Evan Gorr. Evan had a power point presentation which he went through. The presentation was well received.

Supervisor Kubicki stated that it was a great presentation. Are we also training folks on the AED machines? Evan stated this is a new training and new staff are being trained to use them.

Chairman Nedweski asked how law enforcement are using the fentanyl test strips. Evan stated that he is not sure of their labs. The pill has to be crushed to test. Chairman Nedweski asked if we expand education to the community and what do we recommend to parents to do? Evan recommends that anything be taken to the local Police Department. Evan stated that there are alarm boxes but thought it would deter users.

Supervisor Stock asked if we could partner with local businesses to keep the alarm boxes inside? Evan has reached out to local businesses. Went to the uptown area and west of the Interstate. There is a decal that businesses can put in their windows and homes can put them on their mailboxes. There are Narcan vending machines and we have looked into this. Supervisor Stock asked if we have reached out to local businesses. Corporate level businesses are tough.

Supervisor Bashaw said with 51 overdoses, how much Narcan has been tracked? Evan state that not much from the community but they are getting data from KPD and KSD. Supervisor Bashaw asked about the Villages? They train monthly at the Salem Lakes Fire Department. They have connected with UW extension, but they have their own training program.

Supervisor Geertsen said with higher projected numbers this year he feels almost all could have been prevented. What is the follow-up protocol when someone calls in that they have used Narcan? The Kenosha Overdose Response Initiative (KORI) team will follow-up.

Supervisor Geertsen asked if the media has been helpful? Evan stated that Kenosha News and some social media. He asked if the strips are reliable and enabling so does that happen with Narcan?

Supervisor Nedweski said she loves the idea of the overdose kits and wants to explore that more. Now that she is trained can she train others in the use of Narcan. Evan stated that they have to take the train the trainer course? She challenges every committee member to take a Narcan and even one to share.

6. **Any other business as authorized by law:** None
7. **Adjournment** – Supervisor Stocker made a motion to Adjourn. Supervisor Stock seconded. All in Favor. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Full audio of the meeting is available at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6734>

Respectfully Submitted,

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