

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Gabe Nudo

Youth in Governance Present: Isabella Ricker

Staff Present: John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros. Ron Rogers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Grady. Roll call was taken. Supervisor Gabe Nudo was excused.

2. Citizen's Comments- Elizabeth Gilbert, COO of Rogers Memorial Hospital in West Allis and Carissa Buchanan, Director of Operations of Rogers Memorial Hospital Kenosha were at the meeting to talk about what they do and how Rogers Kenosha can further collaborate with the Department of Human Services. They have been working already with Debbie Rueber, the Opioid Task Force and NAMI. At the Kenosha campus there is a day treatment program for adolescent and adult services.

Rogers Behavioral health services for the last 15 years has been operating outpatient day treatment programs in Kenosha. The program works with children ages 10-18 and they teach them a variety of skills that really focus on improving their social skills, their ability to manage stressful situations, learning effective ways to manage their emotions and mindfulness on how to cope in that moment and stay calm. These skills are very transferable to school and home.

Skilled, trained, multi-disciplinary staff-they meet with a psychiatrist on a weekly basis. There is a clinical psychologist that meets with them as well as a team of master level therapists, nurses, group leader who provide a very comprehensive treatment for their patients. They can either come for 3 or 6 hour days. This is the only location in this area to provide this level of care. In patient care as well as residential care is available in West Allis.

Chairman Grady did allow to open up for questions as it is a provider of services.

Supervisor Berg asked about the continuum of care with insurance companies. Rogers has worked hard to show evidence based care that is effective for their patients. Using a number of assessments 91% showed improvement while under the care at Rogers. This has been able to show insurance companies that there is longer stability.

Supervisor Gaschke asked if they have services for weekly visits if needed. Not at this time as they do not want to take away from outpatient providers.

Supervisor Celebre asked if they deal with private pay. Rogers is a non-profit so they do accept all insurances.

Andy did state that they would be speaking at the County Board meeting that same evening.

3. Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on February 5, 2019 was made by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Berg. 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 June Sinkfield to the Kenosha Commission of on Aging and Disability Services.

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

6. Presentation: Youth Justice Report – Ron Rogers, Director of Division of Children & Family Services. Ron gave handout of the 13th Annual Youth Justice report from September 2018. The report looks at cases that were closed in 2017.

Four goals are to hold youth accountable, build youth competency, increase public safety and promote restorative justice.

Ron gave a brief overview of the report that was handed out.

The report was well received.

7. Committee Members Comments

Supervisor Grady stated the April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 pm.

8. Any Other Business as Authorized by

None

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Berg. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)