

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 5, 2021- 5 pm Virtual meeting

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

Excused: Supervisor David Celebre

YIG Present: Armon Harris. **YIG excused:** Milicia Mirimac

Others Present: John Jansen, Dr. Jen Freiheit, Nina Taylor, Tammy Capito, Supervisors Pomaville, Boyd Frederick and O'Day, Jennifer Kopp, Roger Perez and Thomas Casey.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Belsky. Roll call was taken.

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

3. **Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments-**none

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on February 2, 2021 was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of Judy Jensen to the Brookside Board of Trustees-**John Jansen introduced the reappointment of Judy Jensen.

Supervisor Gulley had requested information on the reappointments for tenure. He would like a little more context when looking over reappointments. Are we opening up these appointments to the largest group of people possible? Would like more transparency towards the makeup of each committee/board. Working with the Kenosha County Racial Equity Workgroup just wants to make certain that everyone who wants to serve on a committee/board.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Judy Jensen was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of Barb Wisnefski to the Brookside Board of Trustees.** John Jansen introduced the reappointment.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Barb Wisnefski was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of Sandra Bisciglia to the Board of Administrative Appeals-** John Jansen introduced the reappointment.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Sandra Bisciglia was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of James Schmidt to the Veterans Service Commission-**John Jansen introduce the appointment.

Motion to approve the reappointment of James Schmidt was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **Resolution to Approve the Reappointment of Boyd Frederick to the Human Services Board-** John Jansen introduced the reappointment.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Boyd Frederick was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Thomas Casey to the Human Services Board- John Jansen introduced Thomas Casey and the need for another member of the Human Services Board.

Motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Casey was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Rogelio (Roger) Perez to the Board of Health-Dr. Freiheit stated that the appointment of Mr. Perez was filling a vacancy on the Board of Health since the change in the bylaws had passed. State Statutes requires 9-person Board of Health and filling vacancies with people in the community.

Motion to approve the appointment of Rogelio (Roger) Perez was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. **Division of Health Updates-** Supervisor Belsky wanted updates on where we are at with numbers for Covid, hospitalizations, vaccinations and then discuss Kickstart.

Dr. Freiheit reported that numbers are trending upward but not alarm yet. We were holding at 4 hospitalizations but now at 6 or 7. We are not hearing about variants of Covid for several weeks, but it is happening all over the world. What are the current cases this week to last week? Supervisor Belsky is not seeing the numbers on the website. It does not seem like the website is updated on a daily basis. Supervisor Belsky asked for a weekly update on the data. Dr. Freiheit did say the sit-rep is sent out on Tuesday evenings typically.

Supervisor Gulley asked if we were still doing contact tracing? Are we falling behind in other areas? Dr. Freiheit did state that we hired many disease investigators and although many of them have been pulled in to vaccinate but we will have to look at other options if cases spike again.

Vaccination status-Dr. Freiheit stated that overall, we have reached 30% of the population with at least one dose. Over 75% with the 65+ population. Many additional clinics are scheduled. Planning West of the I and several smaller mobile missions. Supervisor Belsky have we had to turn anyone away. Yes, some have been turned away due to them arriving too early for their second dose, a 16-year-old not with a parent or other complications that may prevent them from receiving the vaccine.

Supervisor Decker was asking about the clinics West of the I and why was there nothing permanent on the calendar. Dr. Freiheit stated that we will see the demand to return to that area after the clinic on April 17th.

Kenosha Kickstart update-Dr. Freiheit stated the plan is still quite valid. The Badger bounce back is not valid. The kickstart did not have event specific plans since events were not happening. There has been an addendum to the Kickstart plan for events. It has been announced that people that have been fully vaccinated are much safer. It is a recommendation document. Supervisor Belsky asked that this is being communicated to smaller businesses and it has to be made clear. All must understand that these are recommendations. Supervisor Decker advises that they advertise on the front page of the paper that these are recommendations and not ordinances or laws. Supervisor Belsky wants it to be clear that the kickstart plan has to be applied consistently across the county and that the message is very clear.

13. **Kenosha County Racial Equity Workgroup updates- Supervisor Jerry Gulley-**no discussion was had on this matter.

14. **DHS Fiscal Information – Tammy Capito**-Supervisor Belsky asked Tammy to join to help the committee understand how the Human Services budget differs from the other departments.

Tammy gave explanation how things work in “normal” years, (pre-Covid) with grants and funding sources.

We have received Covid funding and is good until 2024.

Supervisor Belsky feels that the way it works within the Human Services Department is very difficult to understand. She feels that there is no visibility to how or where money is being spent and it is the responsibility of the county board to ensure fiscal responsibility. For example, Shopko. Where did the money come from? Why did it not come before the committee? What is it supplementing?

The Health Division has received \$1.9 million so far to use towards vaccine clinics. There are times that details are not given to us until a later date.

Supervisor Belsky asked John Jansen how can we ensure that there is transparency to the County Board on where the money is going and how it is being spent? But understanding before it is announced is difficult.

John stated that we always want transparency and we can work on something to bring back to the Committee.

Supervisor Decker asked if we could get the “cost” of Shopko. It cost this much, this is where we spent it, how much do we have that has not been used? The numbers are so big, it would be nice to have the knowledge of where it is being spent.

Tammy will look at that to put together for the committee. Still working on the year end closeout.

Supervisor Belsky will work the fiscal to get a better understanding.

15. **Any other business as authorized by law** - None

16. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Berg. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)