

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 3, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building Second Floor Conference Room

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

YIG not Present: Arjun Kumar, Kayla Mitchell

Others Present: John Jansen, Rebecca Dutter, Nina Taylor, Supervisors Bashaw and Berg.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Nedweski. Roll call was taken.

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

3. **Chairman's/Committee members/Supervisors/YIG Comments-** Chairman Nedweski had every give an introduction of themselves since there were so many new supervisors.

Supervisor Gentz would like an update on the opioid task force and opioid/fentanyl at the next meeting and any prevention methods we are using. Would like to hear about the fentanyl test strips.

4. **Approval of Minutes-April 6, 2022** – Supervisor Nedweski stated that she listened to the minutes online and the written minutes did reflect the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2022 Human Services Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Stocker, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Joint Human Services/Finance and Administration Committees meeting – April 6, 2022** - Supervisor Nedweski stated that she listened to the minutes online and the written minutes did reflect the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting held on April 6, 2022 was made by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Overview of Kenosha County Department of Human Services – John Jansen** – John Jansen gave his background working for Kenosha County. He handed out an organizational chart and gave an overview of his division directors.

John stated that if anyone has interests for presentation to let him know. Supervisor Geertsen asked if we will be presenting quarterly reports and would like to look at the Unidine Contract also.

7. **Background and update of Lake Behavioral Health – Rebecca Dutter** – Rebecca explained the “Why” of working with Lake Behavioral Health. She presented to the committee what happens with Chapter 51 Detention. For the most unwell in the community there is Winnebago. Lake Behavioral Health is in Waukegan which is much closer. We are the first county to ask to cross the border to another state with patients. The daily rate is also much lower, closer proximity is easier for treatment planning. Rebecca stated that corporation counsel is working with their attorney.

Supervisor Nedweski asked what the capacity was at Lake Behavioral? Rebecca stated that the facility was a 120 bed but has different units. There is a juvenile, geriatric. They do expect to be full. All of the units look exactly the same, so no area stands out to anyone. St. Catherine's and Aurora have sent voluntary people there. We just can't send involuntary people there. Where do people go when Winnebago is full. Some spend some time in the ER if there is not a place for them to go.

Supervisor Stock asked what the criteria is for them to go to Lake Behavioral? Rebecca stated it is the last attempt for these facilities. Kenosha County pays the full cost if they go to an institute. He also asked how many repeat patients there is. Rebecca is unsure but could get this number as they meet every Friday.

Supervisor Kubicki thanked Rebecca and her team for what they do.

The presentation was well received. (Audio minutes are available online)

8. **Information on State DHS Secretary Timberlake Thank You Tour – John Jansen** – John stated that the Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Health is going to be here on May 19, 2022 for a Thank you tour recognizing Public Health and the initiatives that have been done with mass clinics, outreach and Human Services on the go. This committee will be getting an invitation.
9. **Any other business as authorized by law** – none
10. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)