

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
June 1, 2021- 6 pm Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Celebre, Decker, Gulley and Lewis

Excused: Supervisor Beth

YIG Present: Kayla Mitchell, Arjun Kumar

Others Present: Oscar Rodriguez, Ali Nelson, Starr Burke, Susan Wimmer and Pauline Lorenz

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Belsky. Roll call was taken.

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

3. **Chairman's / Committee members / Supervisors / YIG Comments-** Chairman Belsky wanted to welcome the new YIG. Please let her know how she can help if you have any questions. Introductions were made from the committee and YIG.

Supervisor Berg has been meeting with Rogers Behavioral Health for 2 years now. They are looking to open a minimum of 27 beds. Looking at residential, detox and intensive outpatient therapy. Rogers is very well known in Wisconsin. The cost to transport residents to out of town facilities is very large.

4. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on May 4, 2021 was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Supervisor Andy Berg to the Human Services Board-** Kathy Duberstine introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the appointment of Supervisor Andy Berg was made by Supervisor Celebre, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor. Supervisor Berg Abstained. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Resolution to appoint Ms. Pauline Lorenz to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging and Disability Services-** Kathy Duberstine introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Pauline Lorenz was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Celebre. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Resolution to appoint Ms. Julie Frese to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging and Disability Services-** Kathy Duberstine introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Julie Frese was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **Resolution to appoint Ms. Leah Blough to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals-** Kathy Duberstine introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Leah Blough was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **Presentation on Veterans Treatment Court** – Oscar Rodriguez, Veterans Benefits Specialist. Oscar had prepared a power point presentation which was sent to the Committee prior to the start of the meeting. Veterans Treatments Court has a cost of \$350 per month per participant and are allowed up to 10 participants. Levy

dollars are being used to fund this program. Participants are in the program for 18-24 months and this is in lieu of jail. Housing in jail is \$36,000 a year. There are 12 courts throughout Wisconsin.

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

10. **Presentation on Foster Family Support Network** – Starr Burke, Social Work Supervisor for Children with Special Needs and Susan Wimmer, Foster Family Support Network Director. Starr had prepared a power point presentation which was sent to the committee prior to the start of the meeting. Starr gave some statistics on how many foster homes are licensed in Kenosha. We pursued a grant with 1Hope for a grant from the State Children and Family Services for the Foster Family Support Network. Susan stated that this network is the bridge between the county and foster families. Foster families are given the choice to opt into the program and it is customizable to each home. They mentor, bring meals, tutoring, babysit.

Since they have started presenting at different churches, they have had 4 families sign the paperwork to become foster homes.

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

11. **Any other business as authorized by law** – Next meeting will be on July 6, 2021

12. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Duberstine, Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)