

Human Services Committee  
Draft Minutes of Meeting  
August 4, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Kenosha County Job Center

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Gulley and Wienke

**YIG Present:** Armon Harris

**YIG not Present:** Milica Maricac

**Others Present:** John Jansen and Dr. Jen Freiheit, Ron Rogers, Michelle Lang, Pamela Condos and Sharmain Harris (all virtually)

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 July 21, 2020 was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to approve the appointment of Mr. Sharmain Harris to the Kenosha County Board of Health**-John Jansen introduced Mr. Sharmain Harris. Mr. Harris appeared virtually. Supervisor Decker asked Mr. Harris why he would like to join the Board of Health and what are his thoughts about it. Mr. Harris stated with the health disparity ratios, running Fatherhood and minimizing the infant mortality among the black community he can make a greater impact in the community. Also, with the resolution declaring racism as a public health issue he wants to be involved.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Sharmain Harris to the Kenosha County Board of Health was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Decker. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 92 which amended Resolution No. 150 which created the Kenosha County Health Department, the Kenosha County Board of Health and the Kenosha County Health Office pursuant to Wis. Stat. 252 and certain agreements between the City of Kenosha and the County of Kenosha.**

Dr. Jen Freiheit stated that the committee had the side by side comparison for the changes in the current bylaws.

Supervisor Decker asked about the section next to Part 4.2 which was formerly two physicians to be on the board of health and that they would receive nominations from the medical society of the county. Are we still taking recommendations from the county medical society? Dr. Freiheit responded that part of this was to align with the state statues which suggests one physician and to move away from a more medical model into a much more modern social determinants of health model that focuses on health equity and to have more community involvement. Supervisor Decker asked if there was a reason that the medical society would put forth names. Dr. Freiheit that no it was decided it would not be.

Supervisor Decker asked about section 9.2-These Board Bylaws may be amended, when determined by the Board, by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board, provided that a notice of the proposed changes be sent to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the bylaws are to be amended. Does that mean it will come before the county board to accept the amended bylaws because it is not stated in there. Dr. Freiheit said they will make sure the wording is in there.

Supervisor Decker and Supervisor Gulley thanked Dr. Freiheit for the side by side comparison.

Motion to approve the above-named resolution was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. YIG voted Aye. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **Presentation-2019 Child Welfare Report**-Ron Rogers introduced Pamela Condos and Michelle Lang to present the 2019 Child Welfare Report.

Pamela and Michelle went through the Power Point presentation highlighting different programs and the great work that the division has done. The presentation was well received.

After the CW report presentation, Chairwoman Belsky recognized Supervisor Rodriguez who read off police reports and cited information on a case that is in Florida. Attempts were made to explain to Supervisor Rodriguez the HSC meeting is not the forum for case specific discussion. No further discussion was held on this matter.

8. **Any other business as authorized by law**-none
9. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. **MOTION CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)