

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
May 22, 2012
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Dayvin Hallmon, Erin Decker, Boyd Frederick, Angie Montemurro, Gabe Nudo, Anita Johnson, Jacob Genthner-YIG

Committee Members Absent: David Arrington (excused), Stephanie Kuruvilla-YIG

Staff Present: Laurie Staves, Adelene Greene, Doug Bartz, Jim Truchan

Others Present: Co. Bd. Chair Jeff Gentz, Supervisor Rick Dodge, Frank Pacetti, Jack Rose

This meeting was digitally recorded.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dayvin Hallmon. Sharon Davis did roll call. Dayvin Hallmon welcomed the new YIG, Jacob Genthner. All committee members introduced themselves.

2. Citizen's Comments (on tape at 2:15)

Jack Rose spoke as an advocate for mental health awareness for Kenosha County. He is the President of NAMI for Kenosha County. NAMI's mission is to improve the quality of life for people affected with mental illness in this community. He spoke in support of the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) grant, which will pay for officer training. He stated that this is Mental Illness Awareness Month and informed all committee members that there will be a Candelight Vigil in the Civic Center Park at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow night.

(on tape at 7:05) Jeff Gentz conveyed congratulations to Ron Rogers, the DCFS Director, for receiving the national 2012 Commissioner's Award from the Administration on Children, Youth & Families. There was an article in the Kenosha News today highlighting this recognition.

Mr. Gentz also expressed his support for the appointment of Frank Pacetti to the Workforce Development Board (WDB), stating that he is a well qualified candidate.

(on tape at 7:55) Rick Dodge also stated his support for Frank Pacetti, saying that he worked with him on the City Council and he will be an asset to the WDB.

3. Approval of Minutes – 5/1/12 (on tape at 8:36)

MOTION to approve minutes by Boyd Frederick, seconded by Erin Decker. Youth in Governance (YIG) voted to approve. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Frank Pacetti to the Workforce Development Board **(on tape at 9:00)**

Doug Bartz, Kenosha County's Job Center Manager, stated that the WIA Act of 1998 requires a certain membership for all workforce boards. We are required to have a member of City government. Mr. Pacetti, as the City Administrator, along with his 25 years as a private-sector employer, is a great match and fulfills this legislation. We are very excited to have him and his wealth of experience and knowledge as a member of the Kenosha Workforce Development Board.

Boyd Frederick stated that he has known Frank Pacetti for a long time and will support his appointment.

MOTION to approve by Erin Decker, seconded by Anita Johnson. YIG voted to approve. MOTION CARRIED, with Angie Montemurro abstaining.

5. DADS: Resolution to Modify 2012 Budget to Add Office of Justice Assistance Award **(on tape at 12:00)**

Jim Truchan explained that this grant allows us to pay for officers' training. He distributed a sample listing of the trainings. Most of this training is done by our staff to keep the costs down. A Crisis Intervention training was held at Gateway Technical College today, and 51 finished. Since 2007, they have trained 62 officers. Mr. Truchan invited this committee to attend the next 2-day Crisis Intervention training.

(on tape at 28:45) Dayvin Hallmon stated he would like this resolution also shared with the Judiciary and Law Committee. Mr. Truchan explained that he has shared this with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, including Judge Wagner, Chief Morrissey, and Sheriff Beth.

MOTION to approve by Erin Decker, seconded by Boyd Frederick. YIG voted to approve. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Employment Update **(on tape at 32:52)**

Doug Bartz, Job Center Manager, and Adelene Greene, Div. of Workforce Development (DWD) Director, discussed the unemployment in the area and most common job listings. Health care jobs represent 24% of the listings in Kenosha. We are projecting a skills gap and are therefore initiating efforts to help with that, such as running boot camps at Gateway, targeting youth while still in school, and contacting manufacturers. We have requests in to the State for funding in these areas. Schools and KABA have been getting together for discussions with the youth.

A Job Fair was held today with 51 employers and 350 people attending. The employers commented on the better quality of job seekers, and there was more time to talk with them. Overall, this Job Fair was a success. Mr. Bartz distributed a packet of information on the Job Fair.

Mr. Bartz stated they recently conducted a voluntary survey of participants in the Job Center. The results are still being tallied.

The Job Fair survey results should be available in about 2 weeks.

Dayvin Hallmon looks forward to seeing these results brought back to this committee.

We will be receiving less money next year for WIA, but because we are able to carry over unused funding, this will help us.

7. DHS 1st Quarter Budget Update **(on tape at 1:03:17)**

Laurie Staves reviewed the 1st quarter status report with the committee members.

(on tape at 1:22:49) Brookside's rehab therapy has increased in April and May. During these previous 2 weeks in May, they had 35-37 Medicare patients plus 15 MedB patients, for a total of 50 therapy patients. They had to move some therapy into the Southport Room.

(on tape at 1:23:31) Jeff Gentz would like a report back to this committee on Brookside's therapy numbers and future plans for caring for the increased number of therapy patients, because Brookside's machines are probably old and its space is limited. He asked that this committee be kept apprised of the future plans for Brookside.

(on tape at 1:27:19) Erin Decker asked about the wraparound funds for 2012 and 2013. Ms. Staves was happy to report that we 'did' receive the \$1.5 million for 2012 and she believes that we will also receive the \$1.5 million for 2013.

(on tape at 1:27:59) In response to Erin Decker's requested for a W-2 Consortium update, Adelene Greene and Laurie Staves stated that after discussions with our financial people and the County Executive, it was decided that there are too many risks with the RFP this year. It would mean entering into a contract with 5 other counties in SE Wisconsin. The proposing county would be responsible for the performance of all of the other counties and take all risks associated with that. Plus, there is also a capitated rate. No counties are submitting proposals that we are aware of. We have been contacted by 2 or 3 private agencies interested in utilizing our space. We have shared staffing and building costs with them. They are interested in operating out of the Job Center. Until the successful proposer is selected, we won't have any details. The impact on staff depends, but they 'are' interested in our staff. Maximus is a private agency that currently operates the W-2 Program in Milwaukee County. There are currently about 40 counties operating the W-2 Program and 25-30 private agencies.

8. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

9. Committee Members Comments **(on tape at 1:32:05)**

Gabe Nudo requested that this committee be informed of press releases in advance. He saw that there was a press release today, to appear in tomorrow's paper, about a health grant.

(on tape at 1:34:55) Dayvin Hallmon stated that all committee members were included in e-mails about 2 town halls, one on the subject matter presented tonight. He knows of a regional labor economist who is available to do presentations. This might be something we would like to do as a committee. He asked that the members think about this and let him know their thoughts.

10. Adjournment (on tape at 1:36:21)

It was moved to adjourn by Erin Decker, seconded by Gabe Nudo. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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