

SPECIAL HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

August 7, 2012

Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Dayvin Hallmon, Erin Decker, Boyd Frederick, Angie Montemurro, Gabe Nudo, David Arrington, Jacob Genthner and Stephanie Kuruvilla-YIG

Committee Members Absent: Anita Johnson (excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, LaVerne Jaros, Jim Truchan, Fran Petrick, Patty Hall, Ron Rogers

Others Present: Co Bd Chair Jeff Gentz, Supervisors John O'Day, Ron Johnson, and Mark Molinaro, 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. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen's Comments (on tape at 00:47)

Jack Rose, President of NAMI - Kenosha County, spoke on mental health awareness, treatment and recovery. NAMI stresses the importance of a Human Services budget. The cost to the community is extremely high if you don't fund a mental health budget. People will be homeless, on the street, not receiving proper treatment, and could end up dying. We can't let this happen to our community.

3. Approval of Minutes – 7/23/12 (on tape at 9:05)

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

4. Brookside: Approval of Resolution to Adjust 2012 Budgeted Full-Time Equivalent Nursing Staff Total to Reflect Minimum Staffing Level Standards and Ensure Adequate Nursing Coverage (on tape at 9:20)

Fran Petrick stated that she looked at all budgeted FTE's and discovered that they are short on 2nd and 3rd shift nursing hours. They are 8 hours short on 2nd shift and 24 hours short on 3rd shift. Brookside still staffs those hours, but they have to use overtime or pool nurses, which costs more. The correct amount of money is budgeted, but the FTE's are wrong. They won't hire any more people; instead some nurses will get more hours.

Erin Decker asked why a 16-hour position could possibly work 40 hours, but starting in 2013, they will not receive any benefits. Why don't we hire full-time. She asked Ms. Petrick to look into a better way to do these postings that would be more accurate, increasing some hours, with equity of benefits, and then come back with that plan.

MOTION to approve by Gabe Nudo, seconded by Boyd Frederick. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dayvin Hallmon suggested talking about these staffing issues at Brookside at a future meeting, maybe to meet jointly with Finance/Administration Committee.

5. DHS 2nd Quarter Budget Update **(on tape at 22:14)**

Laurie Staves distributed a couple of revised pages and presented the 2nd Quarter Budget Update for DHS with a budget deficit just under \$600,000 through 6/30/12. The majority of the projected deficit is coming from Mental Health emergency detentions. Ms. Staves has never seen a spike like this. They are working on this deficit department-wide and also working with the Finance Dept. This is a worst case scenario for the year-end.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

7. Committee Members Comments **(on tape at 49:45)**

Erin Decker stated that she did more research on the resolution for 3 additional DWD phone system positions. She asked the Chair to bring that resolution back to this committee. Dayvin Hallmon will consider that request.

Dayvin Hallmon gave a heads up to the committee members that they will be seeing presentations from our service providers as we move into the budget process.

8. Adjournment **(on tape at 52:20)**

It was moved to adjourn by Gabe Nudo, seconded by Erin Decker. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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