

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 9, 2004  
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: John O'Day, Don Smitz, Ruth Delace Booth, William Grady

Committee Members Absent: Gordon West (excused)

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Jim Kennedy, Wayne Krueger

Others Present: Byron Wright, Dan Melyon, Brad Weinstock, Jerry Bonini, Wayne Koessl, Mike Lill, Peggy Makovsky, Roseann McSherry

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by John O'Day, Chairperson.

1. Comments by the Chair - None
2. Citizen's Comments - None
3. Approval of Minutes - Jt. HSC/Judiciary & Law, Finance -9/16/04

MOTION to approve minutes by Don Smitz, seconded by Bill Grady. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Requested HSC Action: Homeless Shelter Business Plan - Release \$250,000 in County funding approved by the County Board on April 13, 2004 to use to help underwrite construction and start-up costs for the new single-site INNS Community Homeless Shelter

Dennis Schultz said that DHS had 2003 carry over dollars. They brought a resolution which was approved to give \$250,000 to the Shalom Center with an acceptable business plan. Approval is needed today or the process needs to begin again. DHS' evaluation has been very thorough and they are recommending that the \$250,000 be placed in a special account.

Byron Wright said that a Business Plan Group was created to work on a single site for the homeless, instead of the 7 rotating sites. The committee met about 9 times. It made more sense for the Shalom Center to be the provider for these services. There will be some day programs, which they do not have now with the INNS Program. They will be starting a Day Shelter this winter with the Salvation Army. They could possibly have an on-site health center with some grant funding.

Jim Kennedy distributed a handout. DHS put a condition in the contract with the Shalom Center that to access these funds they must first achieve 20% of their stated capital campaign goal with signed pledges and donations. The County money is encumbered until the 20% is raised, at which point the money will be released. Language will also be in the contract specifying the uses of the money. The Shalom Center will need to report how the money was spent. The contract period can be extended by mutual agreement.

Dan Melyon said they looked at the St. Casimir property to partner with WoMen & Children's Horizons, but their Board felt the renovation costs were too high and the building would not meet our needs. They also looked at other buildings (Bain School and the Old Brookside) but decided the most appropriate use of money would be a new

building. They had planned to build next to their existing building, but one or two property home owners are not willing to sell. They are now stepping back and negotiating with the City on some property within a few blocks of the existing Shalom Center. The capital campaign is ready to go; they have a plan and a video. They can go ahead once they have a site. They hope this will happen immediately after the first of the year. They believe they will be able to do both the capital campaign as well as continuing funding to keep the Shalom Center running. They plan to raise \$4 million.

Dennis Schultz added that there is strong support from the County for this project. He also confirmed to Bill Grady that the Shalom Center will need to raise 20% of the \$4 million before County funds will be released. DHS will report to this Committee quarterly on the progress of this project.

MOTION to move forward with this project, with quarterly reporting to the HSC, by Bill Grady, seconded by Don Smitz. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Health: Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Public Health Laboratory Equipment

Wayne Krueger stated this is to purchase equipment through sole source. Funds are already budgeted for this.

MOTION to approve by Don Smitz, seconded by Bill Grady. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

7. Committee Members Comments - None

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Don Smitz, seconded by Bill Grady. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary

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