

JOINT HUMAN SERVICES BOARD / HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE /
PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE / DISABILITY SERVICES COMMITTEE /
BROOKSIDE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Meeting
October 12, 2005, 5:00 p.m.
Kenosha County Job Center - North 2

Committee Members Present: John O'Day, Ron Johnson, Ruth Booth, Mark Modory, Leonard Johnson, Richard Willoughby, Colleen Sandt, Sandie Bisciglia, Barb Rankin, Judy Rossow, William Michel, Virgil Gentz, Anne Bergo, LuAnn Bodven, Salonia Grimes, Dick Kessler, Jim Huff, Bob Pitts, Gordon West, Eunice Boyer, William Grady

Committee Members Absent: Don Smitz, Lou DeMarco, Marbeth Knoff, Bob Carbone, Nancy Principe (excused), Denis Wikel

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Jim Kennedy, Laurie Staves, Tom Orendorff, Jeff Wilson, Dianne Niesen, Michelle Eisenhauer, Adelene Greene, Tom Buening, Nina Tracy, Carolyn Feldt, Mark Felsing, John Jansen, Ron Rogers, Frank Matteo, Cindy Rafenstein, Wayne Kreuger, Louise Caracciolo, Randy Wergin, Mary Mainland, Gina Carver, Sandy Hardt, Clyde Allen, Tom Lois, Ron Frederick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by John O'Day, Chairperson.

1. Comments by the Chair - None
2. Citizen's Comments - None
3. 2006 Budget Presentations:

Laurie Staves gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed 2006 budget, copies of which were distributed to all committee members. Ms. Staves stated that Human Service dollars are an investment in our community. We try to keep clients in their homes and try to reunify families whenever possible.

Ms Staves explained the voting procedure. After the presentation of each budget for Brookside, Disability Services, DCFS, and DWD, their oversight committee members will vote whether to approve that division's 2006 budget. Then, at the end of the entire DHS budget presentation, the Human Services Committee and Human Services Board members will vote whether to approve the DHS 2006 budget.

DHS Overview/Office of the Director:

We used current and historical trends over the last 3 years when preparing our 2006 budget. We are always striving to get more MA revenue. MA revenue is over \$2 million in 2005 so far. The DHS budget is 46% of the County budget, revenue is 53% and levy is 26%. The total DHS levy increase for 2006 is 1.8% or \$224,956.

In 2005, we were able to draw down additional state and federal revenues in the amount of \$5.6 million by using our levy.

Contract Performance Outcomes & Measures is a continuing initiative for DHS. The pink handout included in the budget packet is an example of the required data collection by our contracted agencies for the DHS programs. This data will help determine if a contract is reaching the expected goals and will help our divisions determine if that program should be continued, expanded, or reduced.

The proposed 2006 DHS budget is \$85,754,770, of which \$12,680,644 is levy.

Dennis Schultz informed everyone that a Summit on Homelessness was held on September 12th, where it was agreed by everyone to do an RFP. In addition to the County's \$250,000 for the building, the City will provide \$250,000 in supportive funding or the option of leasing the Sheridan Road property. Proposals are due December 2nd. Mr. Schultz said that he and Supervisor Michel also attended a neighborhood meeting at the Salvation Army. Neighborhood support will be tough to get. Supervisors Bill Michael and Ron Johnson requested statistics on the number of homeless served in Kenosha County.

Ms. Staves added that in the 2006 County Budget Resolution, we are planning to include proposed language to hold the \$250,000 in the DHS fund balance, pending the outcome of the Joint Task Force RFP.

The proposed 2006 Office of the Director budget is \$614,202, of which \$355,055 is levy.

Central Services:

Central Services has had some savings in office equipment and supplies. The staff includes a Central Services Manager, Michelle Eisenhauer, and 3 contracted staff from Goodwill. Ms. Eisenhauer stated that with all divisions co-located in this building, supply distribution was centralized, and we were able to decrease our supply and operating budget. We also save on our mail costs by utilizing an inter-agency mail pick-up/drop-off. Agencies that are frequently in our building for meetings have a mail slot in the Office of Director, where they can pick-up mail and also drop off mail for building employees. In 2006, we want to use our webcast more to save training costs. Staff can attend on-site which will save mileage and meal costs, and also allow employees to be more productive.

The proposed 2006 Central Services budget is \$118,003, of which there is no levy.

Aging:

We may have a \$200,000 deficit in this division for 2005. The federal share of client services decreased on 1/1/05 and again on 10/1/05, and we were unable to budget for this decrease. We have been to Finance with this information.

There has been a 9% increase in client care plan costs in Aging. Disability Services is also experiencing a rise in client costs. We have stopped adding clients. The waiting list of 400+ will continue to grow. Revenue will decrease because we do not have the capability of obtaining additional local match to drawn down federal/state funds for added client services.

We estimate that in 2006, 30 people will choose to move from a nursing home into a community-based setting, in response to the Governor's new initiative. We will then be able to draw down more money for these slots. The cost must average at least \$29 less per day before we can move someone from a nursing home to home-based care, and we have to submit a plan to the State for their approval first.

Carolyn Feldt praised the ADRC Information, Assistance & Access service. We have been getting many compliments on this service -- there is no voice mail message; individuals are able to talk to a social worker right away, whether they call or come into the office. We try to be "unreasonably helpful".

The State Senior Care Program has been approved by the federal government, which means that those in this program do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D. Those enrolling in Part D must do so by 1/1/06 or face a penalty for enrolling later.

The 2006 proposed Aging budget is \$12,345,925, of which \$872,709 is levy.

Brookside:

In 2006, the room rate is increasing from \$193 to \$205. This rate is all-inclusive. Brookside does not bill extra for supplies, etc., as other nursing homes do. We will be using \$50,000 of our reserve fund for a capital improvement in 2006 (for the dining room and nursing stations). The plan is to make improvements every year, utilizing this reserve.

Clyde Allen explained that the amount budgeted for natural gas in 2006 should be sufficient, even with the predicted price increases, because Brookside is treated as a large business, not as a residential home.

The 2006 proposed Brookside Care Center budget is \$11,827,870, of which \$2,436,997 is levy.

MOTION by Bob Pitts to approve the Brookside Care Center 2006 budget as presented, seconded by Eunice Boyer. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Disability Services:

Disability Services has a possible \$500,000 budget deficit in 2005. Again, due to the change in federal funding. We had been paying 29% of mental health inpatient stays, but now it's increased to 40% because people have lost their jobs and their insurance coverage.

For the Developmentally Disabled population, their needs require life-long care. Unlike those with mental health and AODA issues who could recover and be discharged, DD folks do not have the capability to return to normal cognitive behavior. This is our largest budget area for number of services. We have had to decrease our day programming to help with the budget deficit. We also have a waiting list. Community Aids have been flat for 10 years.

Most of our mandated services come from court-ordered placements and we have no choice but to pay for them, which increases the levy in this division.

The 2006 proposed Disability Services budget is \$18,457,406, of which \$1,597,682 is levy.

MOTION by Ron Johnson to approve the Disability Services 2006 budget as presented, seconded by Colleen Sandt. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Children & Family Services:

Ms. Staves highlighted the Placement Cost Comparison chart, which indicates that placements peaked in 2001, went down from there, and are holding pretty steady now. This is due to a Placement Reduction Committee that has been working to keep placement costs down.

John Jansen stated that 710 cases were referred in 2004, and KHDS handled another 400 cases after hours. In 2004, 400 youth went through the Court Services Unit, and 46 TPR and 20 guardianship cases were completed.

The 2006 proposed Children & Family Services budget is \$19,099,932, of which \$4,686,012 is levy.

MOTION by Virgil Gentz to approve the Children & Family Services 2006 budget as presented, seconded by Salonia Grimes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Workforce Development:

Adelene Robinson stated that we are serving over 11,000 families (34,000 individuals) in the W-2 Program. About 25% of the Kenosha County population is receiving some form of assistance, whether it be Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care, Child Support, W-2, Employment & Training, or Education Services. Kenosha County has collected \$6.5 million in liens for Child Support.

The 2006 proposed Workforce Development budget is \$17,445,706, of which \$1,294,376 is levy.

MOTION by Virgil Gentz to approve the Workforce Development 2006 budget as presented, seconded by LuAnn Bodven. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health:

Kenosha County has become part of the Chicago Regional Bio-Terrorism area, so supplies have increased for bio-terrorism activities, including more money to attend trainings. In 2006, we will be looking at the current contract between the City and County to see if there is a better way to share the expenses. We will have proposed language in the 2006 County Budget Resolution to allow this.

Frank Matteo explained that there is an increase in personnel costs because the Health Division has a lot of certified and licensed personnel. The Health Division provides many services, including immunizations, child car seat program, home visits, water testing, lead testing, restaurant inspections, etc.

The 2006 proposed Health budget is \$5,084,708, of which \$858,045 is levy.

Medical Examiner:

The Medical Examiner's office must have coverage 24/7. The 2006 FTE's show an increase of 2.09 from 2005, but this is actually only a change in the FTE calculation. No personnel have been added. Cell phone usage was reduced 350% from last year, saving the County \$2,800 a year.

Dr. Mainland stated that they are working on a consortium of counties to share coverage during vacations, to provide trainings, and to share cases if one county is overloaded. Mr. Schultz added that we are also looking at sharing a software system. Mr. Matteo said they are also making an effort to increase organ harvesting, which will bring additional revenue to the County.

The 2006 proposed Medical Examiner budget is \$490,634, of which \$322,384 is levy.

Veterans:

Tom Lois stated that there are now 3 assisted living buildings at the Union Grove Center, and a new recreation building. This will be a tremendous facility.

The Governor passed the WI GI bill which allows spouses & children of veterans (at least 30% disabled) to attend State universities & technical school system tuition-free. Property taxes will also be refunded by the Dept. of Revenue to veterans who are 100% disabled and over age 65, and to the surviving spouse.

The 2006 proposed Veterans budget is \$270,384, of which \$257,384 is levy.

Department of Human Services Budget:

MOTION by Bill Grady to approve the entire Kenosha County Department of Human Services 2006 budget as presented, seconded by Leonard Johnson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

5. Committee Members Comments

Bob Pitts praised Laurie Staves for putting this presentation together. She did an outstanding job of explaining everything. The other committee and board members concurred by giving her a round of applause.

6. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ron Johnson, seconded by Salonia Grimes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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