

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
August 1, 2006
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Judy Rossow, Ed Kubicki Ruth Booth, Bill Grady, David Arrington

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Jim Kennedy, Geri Kapplehoff

Others Present: Dan Melyon, Co. Bd. Suprs Anita Faraone and Jennifer Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Judy Rossow, Chairperson.

1. Comments by the Chair - None
2. Citizen's Comments - None
3. Approval of Minutes - 6/6/06

MOTION to approve minutes by Ruth Booth, seconded by Ed Kubicki. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Supervisor Judith Rossow to the Human Services Board

MOTION to approve by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Update on the Homeless Shelter

Dan Melyon distributed 2 handouts. He had sent a letter to County Board Supervisors, the Mayor, Dennis Schultz, Allan Kehl, etc., informing them that he would be going out into the neighborhood to talk to the businesses and residents about the location of the homeless shelter. He left 153 brochures and business cards, and talked to 65 people. Only 3 said they were not in favor of the project. People asked questions and the tone was really positive. The article that appeared in the Voice of the People today is one of Paula William's parents at Kenosha Achievement Center.

Dennis Schultz stated that he and Jim Kennedy met with the Kenosha Achievement Board 4 weeks ago, and their decision was unanimous. This has been very positive. The Kenosha Achievement Center sees this as a potential collaboration with the Shalom Center for a joint kitchen, food delivery, food preparation, etc. Also a possible collaboration with Gateway Technical College in training of food preparation. KAC staff prepare the meals at the State prison in Sturtevant.

Mr. Melyon said they have hired an outside fundraising consulting firm, Growth Design out of Milwaukee. They have had several meetings and will be doing a feasibility study for the \$4 - \$5 million capital campaign project. This report should be available in mid-September. They will be asking people to serve on their capital campaign and have a list of the top 100 people they would like to see involved in this project.

They have talked to City Development. The property will have to be subdivided and re-zoned. Their programs will qualify under the current zoning, but re-zoning would be better. They will need to submit their plan specifications.

Mr. Melyon has talked with the Racine HALO Project Director, and 4-5 board members have visited the facility. They have also talked to the HALO board members. Judy Rossow suggested that perhaps this Committee, and those who are questioning this, should take a tour of the HALO facility. All committee members expressed interest in taking the tour at a time separate from the committee meeting time. Dennis Schultz' office will arrange the tour.

Anita Faraone suggested having a neighborhood meeting before the public meetings. Mr. Schultz agreed with Supervisor Faraone.

6. Update on Family Care Expansion

Dennis Schultz distributed a Long Term Care Reform Update, stating that Family Care is rolling along. Kenosha held 2 public forums. Those attending asked lots of questions. There were about 80 people at today's public forum. We are still waiting for an answer from the State as to the amount of levy dollars they will let Kenosha County have. Mr. Schultz and Debbie Jossart of Racine will be meeting with Paul Soczinski at CCO to nudge him to be a facilitator with the State to get an answer on this. The State wants Family Care to begin by February, 2007, but the State wanted to meet with WCHSA and WCA first. We understand that meeting took place last week. We are going to be insistent on adding 3 new ES workers for at least 18 months to do the applications for Family Care. There will be staff reductions, but we won't know anything definite for a while.

Jim Kennedy added that the ADRC will remain in Kenosha County and will be the front door for Family Care. The State hired a firm to do a Family Care evaluation state-wide.

Mr. Schultz said that there are two positives for Kenosha County:

- (1) There will be no fiscal or programmatic responsibility for Family Care participants.
- (2) An end to the waiting lists. We plan to transition people already getting services and those on the waiting list at the same time.

Four other counties are following the Racine/Kenosha model.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Geri Kapplehoff, Director of Nursing at Brookside, distributed information on the CNA Mentoring Program. She stated that CNA's are the lowman because they are the roots of the tree and residents will die without the tree. They have always had a mentoring program, but in the past, management selected CNA's to mentor. Now they have posted for volunteers and CNA's are signing up for this 3-week program.

Bill Grady asked Ms. Kapplehoff to come back in October with the results of the program.

8. Committee Members Comments - None

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Bill Grady. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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