

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
October 3, 2006
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Laurie Staves, Jim Kennedy, Tom Orendorff, Wayne Krueger, Sandy Hardt

Others Present: Emily Ayshford, Kenosha News, Supervisor Jennifer Jackson, Dan Melyon, Jerry Bonini, Supervisor Anita Faraone

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 - 9/5/06

MOTION to approve minutes by Bill Grady, seconded by Ed Kubicki. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Approve County Executive Appointments as follows:
Richard Willoughby and Paulette Kisse to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council

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

Jerry Willkomm and Stephanie Phillips to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board

MOTION to approve by Bill Grady, seconded by David Arrington.

Discussion: Jennifer Jackson expressed her concerns about Jerry Willkomm being on the Board. She had wanted to ask him some questions and was disappointed that he was not at this meeting. David Arrington did not see any special advantage Mr. Willkomm would have by being on the WDB. He thought he would be a good fit for the Board. Judy Rossow stated that he has experience with employees and the workforce.

Dennis Schultz commented that the State DWD oversees WIA funds. These funds go toward training dislocated workers. There are 28 members on the current board. State Statutes require that we have businessmen on the WDB. The County Executive put this appointment forward with forethought. Mr. Kehl is Chair of the Tri-County WDB.

Bill Grady moved to table the appointment of Jerry Willkomm to next month's agenda, requesting that Mr. Willkomm attend that meeting. Ruth Booth seconded. Motion approved unanimously by silent consent.

Bill Grady stated that because Mr. Willkomm's appointment was being tabled, we should also table Stephanie Phillips appointment.

Bill Grady moved to table the appointment of Stephanie Phillips to next month's agenda, requesting that she attend that meeting. Ruth Booth seconded. Motion approved unanimously by silent consent.

5. Health: Resolution to Modify 2006 Budget for the Receipt of the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant

Wayne Krueger stated that \$93,410 was received through a competitive grant process from the National Institute of Justice. This is the state's annual allocation, and we were awarded the whole amount. These funds will be used to upgrade equipment for the Health Lab, Medical Examiner, Police Dept, and Joint Services, and to provide staff development.

MOTION to approve the \$93,410 grant funding by Ed Kubicki, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DHS: Memo Regarding Scanner

Laurie Staves said that Central Services is requesting to have IS purchase a replacement Scanner with a computer and software for an estimated \$9,055, for scanning the Assessment and Testing Materials administered to our clients. This will come out of the \$10,759 remaining in the Capital Outlay Budget.

7. Update on Homeless Shelter

Dan Melyon said they have received a preliminary report from Growth Design, their consulting firm. They were only able to interview 17 people; not 30 as they had planned. They had wanted to raise \$4 - \$5 million, but this report says that \$2 - \$3 million is more realistic. We need to reassess the size of the building, programs to be offered, and location to bring the costs down. The Shalom Center Board has had a couple of meetings since this report. We are looking at previous options. We want to decide by the early part of November. We are revisiting the possibility of 2 sites. Everything is back on the table.

Jerry Bonini added that we currently have 13,000 sq ft. We wanted 30,000 - 40,000 sq ft. We need to be realistic - we cannot achieve the dream. Do we give up some programs? Do we keep our current location? It's a 100-year old building. It cannot be remodeled. Do we build somewhere else? So, we are back to the drawing board.

Bill Grady expressed his frustration at this whole process being dragged out. He requested that they return in December with another report.

8. Update on Brookside CNA Mentoring Program

Sandy Hardt stated that they hired 3 CNA's since the August meeting. The mentor and CNA on the day shift really bonded. She sought out a lot of information and shared her information with us really well. They would also like to expand this mentoring program to nurses. The person who is the mentor feels good - it's a morale booster. We always have a large amount of CNA applications and are now more specific in our interview questions. We are also in the Fingerprinting Pilot Program with the State. We will look at the retention rate - that will tell us how we are doing with the Mentoring Program. In the 2007 budget, we are increasing the 8-hour positions to 24-hour positions. This should help with retention as well. Laurie Staves added that we will still have the same amount of FTE's; we reduced the overtime and relief funds.

9. Brookside Survey Results

Sandy Hardt distributed 2 handouts. The surveyors were there from Aug. 7th - 10th and looked at everything during that time. They looked at 24 of our residents, 5 closed records of people who have left, interviewed staff and residents. They were very complimentary of the facility, noting that the residents like the facility. We received 3 citations. We will be fined for a fall of a resident because the CNA did not use the gait belt.

10. Update on Family Care Expansion

Laurie Staves distributed a handout. Family Care will eliminate the 500+ waiting list in a 24-month period. This will add money to our economy. In 2008, we will have a fiscal impact. The State will take \$2.5 million from our Community Aids allocation. We have a \$1 million shortfall in 2008, and we are looking at how to fund that shortfall. We will be merging the divisions of Aging and Disability Services. These 2 divisions will go from \$31 million to \$12 million. We will still be responsible for other programs.

11. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

12. Committee Members Comments - None

13. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ruth Booth, seconded by Ed Kubicki. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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