

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

Minutes of Meeting  
October 18, 2006, 5:30 p.m.  
Kenosha County Job Center - North 2

Committee Members Present: John O'Day, Ron Johnson, Ruth Booth, Ed Kubicki, Judy Rossow, Richard Willoughby, Sandie Bisciglia, Denis Wikel, Jack Rose, Judy Willoughby, Virgil Gentz, Anne Bergo, Dick Kessler, Bob Pitts, Gordon West, Nancy Principe, Frank Santapoalo, William Grady

Committee Members Absent: LuAnn Bodven, Salonia Grimes, Colleen Sandt, Jim Huff, David Arrington, Barb Rankin, William Michel, Bob Carbone

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Jim Kennedy, Laurie Staves, Tom Orendorff, Jeff Wilson, Dianne Niesen, Michelle Eisenhauer, John Milisaukas, Adelene Greene, Tom Buening, LaVerne Jaros, Mark Felsing, John Jansen, Ron Rogers, Nancy Ramsey, Frank Matteo, Cindy Johnson, Wayne Kreuger, Sandy Hardt, Laura Nelson, Ron Frederick

Others Present: Co. Bd. Supr. Gabe Nudo

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. 2007 Budget Presentations:

Dennis Schultz had all DHS staff introduce themselves.

Laurie Staves gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed 2007 budget, copies of which were distributed to all committee members. Ms. Staves stated that Family Care Expansion is a new initiative in the planning stages with the State. An Informational Report on Family Care Expansion was distributed to all committee/board members. It is the Governor's plan to eliminate waiting lists, expand consumer choice, and simplify access to long-term care services. Each year, 19% of seniors on the waiting list enter a nursing home because they can't wait anymore for home-based services. Family Care will provide an alternative for those who don't need to be in a nursing home. Family Care will use managed care organizations. Racine and Kenosha is a two-county region. Kenosha will

begin implementing Family Care on 2/1/07. The waiting list will be completely eliminated by 2010. Current program residents will be transitioned by early 2008. This could create a financial impact locally in 2008. Kenosha County's local annual contribution will be \$2.1 million. The State is using the 2005 reconciled number. Family Care will bring more state and federal funds into the long-term care system in the community. Additional service jobs will be created and additional taxes will be generated.

We will be combining the Divisions of Aging and Disability Services which will result in a budget of \$12 million. The current budget is \$31 million. Staff will also be reduced.

The State 2007-09 budget is requiring all counties to make a contribution to Family Care. Because of this, we will have a \$1.1 million deficit we will need to cover in 2008.

Ms Staves explained the voting procedure. After the presentation of each budget for Brookside, Disability Services, DCFS/DWD, their oversight committee members will vote whether to approve that division's 2007 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 2007 budget.

**DHS Overview/Office of the Director:**

The DHS budget is \$88,948,548, which is 45% of the County budget. The levy is \$12,553,015 or 25% of total County levy. Expenses have increased 3.5%, mostly in personnel costs. Revenue is up 4.2% and levy is down 1.7% from 2006. FTE's will decrease 3.15. Federal and state dollars represent 69% of our total revenue sources. The levy is 15%. DHS levy and Community Aids funding is used to draw down additional state and federal dollars in the amount of \$6.7 million.

The Office of the Director (OOD) budget has a total increase of \$258,244, of which \$235,000 is budget neutral. Contracted services for IS support and Planning & Evaluation are being transferred from the DCFS budget to the OOD budget.

The proposed 2007 Office of the Director budget is \$872,446, of which \$365,170 is levy.

**Central Services:**

Central Services has one FTE. There is a decrease of \$3,003 in expenses because we have lowered the office equipment and machine maintenance costs.

The proposed 2007 Central Services budget is \$115,000 of which there is no levy. Central Services is funded by division building rental and partner rental charges.

### **Aging:**

Aging has a \$238,922 increase in their expenses for 2007. Revenue is up \$211,387. MA Personal Care revenue will be eliminated in 2008 because of Family Care. There is a \$27,535 increase in levy.

LaVerne Jaros stated that the services listed are just a sample of services we provide. We also have an Equipment Loan Closet, Westosha Senior Center, etc. Most of our services will be at the same level next year. The bad news is that the Meals on Wheels Program is growing (from 35,091 in 2004 to 39,330 in 2005). There will be new guardian laws. We will be very busy during the transition to Family Care.

The 2007 proposed Aging budget is \$12,584,847, of which \$900,244 is levy.

### **Brookside:**

The number of FTE's remain unchanged for 2007. However, we adjusted the hours for existing persons, and eliminated the overtime and relief hours. There is a \$251,533 increase in expenses. A vacancy allowance of \$200,000 is budgeted now, instead of as a transfer at the year-end close-out. The building will be paid off in 2013. There is also a \$183,000 Capital Improvement Plan to purchase a new pick-up truck to use for landscaping (and it also has a plow), electrical upgrade to the building, and annual remodeling. Revenue comes from private pay residents, Medicare Parts A & B, and blended Medicaid rates. The private pay rate will be increased from \$205 to \$220 per day. A survey of 7 Kenosha nursing homes showed their current private pay rate is more than \$220. Our rate includes everything, as compared to other nursing homes that charge separately for certain items. The total revenue increase for 2007 is \$549,152.

Sandy Hardt said that the admissions number remained the same for 2004 and 2005. The number of patients with dementia, stroke, diabetes and cancer increased. We are installing a new floor in the hallways and will also be opening up a general store for the residents. A lot of nursing homes have that.

The 2007 proposed Brookside Care Center budget is \$12,079,403, of which \$2,006,378 is levy.

**MOTION by Gordon West to approve the Brookside Care Center 2007 budget as presented, seconded by Nancy Principe. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Disability Services:**

There are 7 FTE's in Disability Services (no change from 2006). DDS will have a \$2.1 million increase in expenses for 2007. \$1.5 million of that increase is for the day programming services that were restored to budget in 2006. This is the same population that will be transitioning into Family Care. Revenue is \$19,467,646 - an increase of \$2.4 million. WIMCR revenue for personal care will be removed in 2008 because of Family Care. The 2007 levy will decrease \$376,195.

Ron Frederick said that 2/3 of their population is developmentally disabled (DD) and 1/3 is mentally ill / AOD issues (MI). The DD population will be going to Family Care but the MI will be remaining. Inpatient admissions to St. Luke's in Racine increase from 199 in 2004 to 259 in 2005. This is due to law officials intervening and taking people into custody and admitting them under Chapter 51 and because of the decrease of good insurance and increase in the numbers of people with severe mental illness.

The 2007 proposed Disability Services budget is \$20,776,633, of which \$1,308,987 is levy.

**MOTION by Judy Rossow to approve the Disability Services 2007 budget as presented, seconded by Judy Willoughby. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Children & Family Services:**

There is one FTE added to the 2007 budget for a Family Group Conference Facilitator. This position was added in early 2006. There is an increase in expenses of \$745,438. Placements are being increased \$529,800. We are expecting a \$500,000 deficit in placements for 2006. Because of a number of teenage suicides in 2005, the Court ordered additional placements in 2006 to an RTC (at \$300 per day) for mental health assessments. We are also seeing a rise in children with severe developmental problems that can only be treated at an RTC. This is the first we have increased the placement budget in 4 years.

There are 2 new grants: Drug-Free Community Service Program and Girls Circle Program bringing an additional \$222,402 in revenue in 2007. Kinship revenue is also increasing by \$139,169. The total levy increase is \$414,761.

John Jansen stated that Child Welfare did 850 - 900 investigations in 2005. When the Court orders a youth to an RTC for an assessment, the normal stay is 30 - 60 days.

The 2007 proposed Children & Family Services budget is \$19,845,370, of which \$5,100,773 is levy.

### **Workforce Development:**

There is a decrease of 1 FTE in Child Support fiscal for 2007. The position was vacated and will not be filled due to funding being eliminated in 2007. Expenses decrease by \$232,423. Revenue decreases by \$280,473. WHEAP-Energy Assistance increases by \$46,000, but Child Support funding decreases by \$198,912. We have another 2008 problem. Child Support has been drawing down state and federal dollars, but this ability is being eliminated. This could cause a \$300,000+ levy hole.

Adelene Greene stated that we work with citizens to get them empowered in this community. We received 158,000 phone calls in 2005; 1/2 were Child Support questions. We had 68,000 visitors to the Job Center in 2005. 20% of Kenosha's population receives some form of assistance. 1,036 people were placed in jobs in 2005. \$3 million per month in Child Support payments were issued to families in 2005. \$6.5 million was collected through liens.

The 2007 proposed Workforce Development budget is \$17,213,283, of which \$1,342,426 is levy.

**MOTION by Dick Kessler to approve the Children & Family Services and Workforce Development 2007 budgets as presented, seconded by Anne Bergo. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Health:**

There is a decrease of 3 FTE's in 2007 - 2 FTE's from the HUD Lead Program and 1 FTE from the Tri-County Public Health Consortia. There is a decrease of \$434,096 in expenses because of the completion of the Lead grant. Revenue decreases by \$522,334, again because of the Lead grant. The City is funding 49.6% of the health services in 2007.

Frank Matteo said that the Health Division has many encounters with the community through its public health nurses, environmental health employees, and their full-service lab. The WIC Program served 3,500 people in 2005 through the Community Action Agency. We want to build a pole barn in our parking lot to install car seats. This will keep everyone out of the weather. We will do over 400 car seat installations this year. It takes about 20 minutes to 1/2 hour to train the parent on the procedure to properly install and remove the car seat. We give 20% of the car seats to people if they can't afford them.

The 2007 proposed Health budget is \$4,650,612, of which \$946,283 is levy.

**Medical Examiner:**

Expenses increase by \$54,303 in 2007. They will be leasing a new vehicle for death scenes. Ozaukee sent 27 referrals to us in 2006 so far. The 2007 fees will remain the same as 2006. We do expect an increase in autopsy referrals for 2007. Levy increases by \$7,353.

Frank Matteo said that there were 24 suicides in 2005, and 22 in 2004. There have been 19 suicides so far in 2006. We have had an increase of teenage suicides. The number of autopsies and external investigations performed by the Medical Examiner's Office increased from 125 in 2004 to 174 in 2005. Dr. Mainland has many friends and connections with other counties. Because of this, we have received many referrals.

The 2007 proposed Medical Examiner budget is \$544,937, of which \$329,737 is levy.

**Veterans:**

The Veterans has 3 FTE (no change). There is a decrease in expenses of \$4,367, mostly due to a change in health insurance from family to single for one employee. There is an increase of \$1,000 for memorial markers (to reflect the current utilization). The revenue for the Veterans Division has been \$13,000 for the past 9 years. Even so, with this limited budget, Veterans processed \$24 million in federal home loans and \$740,000 in state home loans, \$122,000 educational grants, \$73,800 personal loans, and \$1.3 million GI insurance paid to beneficiaries in 2005. They do so much with so little.

The 2007 proposed Veterans budget is \$270,384, of which \$266,017 is levy.

**Department of Human Services Budget:**

**MOTION by Denis Wikel of the Human Services Board to approve the entire Kenosha County Department of Human Services 2007 budget as presented, seconded by Sandie Bisciglia. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Bill Grady of the Human Services Committee to approve the entire Kenosha County Department of Human Services 2007 budget as presented, seconded by Ed Kubicki. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Such Other Business as Authorized by Law**

Dennis Schultz stated that 15 - 17 positions in Child Support will be cut in 2008 if nothing changes in the current Child Support funding. It's not too late to contact your state and federal representatives. Mr. Schultz thanked everyone for coming.

5. Committee Members Comments

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

6. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Anne Bergo, seconded by Richard Willoughby. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary

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