

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 2, 2007  
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Jim Kennedy, John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Ron Frederick, Jeff Wilson

Others Present: Emily Ayshford, Kenosha News, Earl Hawley  
Co. Bd Suprs John O'Day and Jim Huff, Dan Melyon,

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments

Earl Hawley spoke as a representative for the Kenosha County Alliance for the Long-Term Care Workforce. LTC workers have had no increase for years. They are asking for a 5% increase for MA and CA. He urged approval of the resolution to the Governor for an increase in LTC.

3. Approval of Minutes, 11/14/06, Jt. HSC/Finance 12/5/06

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

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Re-Appointment of Thomas Fredericksen to the Kenosha County Veterans Commission

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

5. DCFS/DDS: Resolution to Modify the Division of Children & Family Services and Division of Disability Services 2006 Budget

John Jansen stated that in August, 2006, we came with a budget deficit. DCFS will be about 6,000 days over in our days of care, with a deficit of \$780,000. We had a young man, who was deaf, in a Florida placement at a rate of \$590 per day. We have also had quite a few youth with long-term developmental disability (DD) issues. Their placement rates are \$280 - \$300 per day. These DD youth will eventually move into an adult family home under the Division of Disability Services, to spend the rest of their lives. Also, because of the number of teenage suicides in 2005 and 2006, the Court was placing youth in RTC's for assessments.

Ron Frederick added that there has been an increase in the population at the State mental health institutions. Individuals are not being admitted to St. Luke's in Racine because there are no available psychiatric beds. Persons are then admitted to either Mendota in Madison or Winnebago in Oshkosh. Medicaid won't pick up the tab at these 2 facilities; the County is responsible for these costs.

Laurie Staves explained the budget modification form. The total deficit was \$1,036,000 (of which \$780,000 was DCFS and \$256,000 was DDS), but WIMCR revenues of \$526,983 and \$28,962 reduce this deficit to \$480,055.

MOTION to approve an increase of expenditures of \$1,036,000, an increase in revenues of \$555,945 and general fund reserves of \$480,055 by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Aging: Resolution to Modify 2006 Budget to add a \$4,997 grant to Purchase new equipment and to make repairs to existing equipment in the ADRC Loan Closet

Laurie Staves stated that the Aging Division received a grant from the UW-Stout in the amount of \$4,997. These grants were only awarded to Resource Centers to enhance independence and mobility for persons with disabilities. Funds will be used to purchase new equipment and to make repairs to existing equipment in the Loan Closet.

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

7. Information Item: Update on Shalom Center Homeless Shelter Planning

Dan Melyon said that their consulting firm found that the amount of money that could be raised was less than their plans called for. The architect (Partners in Design) is working on revised plans for the building. It will be available for the Shalom Center Board meeting on Jan. 23rd. Riley Construction will put cost numbers to that. They are now looking at \$2.5 - \$3 million. Because they need to downsize the new building, they will modify their current building for the food pantry. Their current building is 104 years old. If it's too costly, they will look for another warehouse. They will not have everything in one location. The site at KAC remains the location for the new building. They will announce their capital campaign this spring and hope to have enough money in 12 months to get the project rolling. It will take 12 months to construct the facility.

They decreased the size of the new building from 38,000 sq. ft. to 28,000 or 22,000 sq. ft. It will house 10 families in the emergency shelter.

It was requested that Mr. Melyon return to this Committee in February with another update.

8. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

9. Committee Members Comments - None

10. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ed Kubicki, seconded by David Arrington. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary