

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 6, 2007
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: LaVerne Jaros, Wayne Krueger, Mark Felsing

Others Present: Emily Ayshford, Kenosha News

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 12/12/06, 1/2/07

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

4. Resolution to Approve the Following County Executive Appointments:

Denis Wikel and Richard Willoughby to the Kenosha County Human Services Board

Mary Celebre to the Kenosha County Commission on Aging

Robert Pitts to the Brookside Board of Trustees

Mario Maritato to the Kenosha County Board of Health

Sharon Davis stated that these are all re-appointments.

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

5. Aging: Resolution to add the Supplemental Transportation Rural Assistance Program (STRAP) Grant to the 2007 Budget

LaVerne Jaros distributed a 3-page handout, explaining that there is limited Care-A-Van service in western Kenosha County. We pursued and won this \$240,000 grant for 2007 to expand into the county. KAC will add 3 extra vans for the county and hire more drivers. Service should be available by April 1st and will be open to the general public, not just the elderly and disabled. We also received a small planning grant for \$20,000 and will be contracting with the UW-Milwaukee Center for Transportation. A Stakeholder meeting is being held on Feb. 15th at the County Center at 3:00 p.m. This is the initial meeting to get suggestions for the study: who to interview, key destinations for county residents, come up with a survey questionnaire for people in the community, etc. At this point, we don't know if there will be fixed pick-up points, or if it will be an on-demand response going to people's homes, or both. This is what the study will determine. We will be using current dollars we are putting into this program as our match for this grant.

MOTION to approve by Ed Kubicki, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Health: Resolution to Modify 2007 Budget to Reflect Funding Awarded by US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership Program

Wayne Krueger, Fiscal Manager for the Health Division, distributed a fact sheet. This is a 3-year HUD grant for the Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Communities Partnership, which includes the City of Kenosha, City of Racine and other agencies. We received \$4 million to provide lead abatement treatment for 400 total units in Racine and Kenosha. We will be adding 6 positions with this grant funding: a Project Coordinator to oversee the grant, a Program Manager to be in charge in Racine, 2 Risk Assessors and 2 Administrative Assistants (one each for Racine and Kenosha). These positions will be on a year-to-year employment agreement and will end when the grant ends. We had a 3-year grant that ended in January, 2006 and it was very successful. We planned to do 82 units, but completed 128. There is a change to this grant. The landlords have to kick in 20% match. This is new for Kenosha landlords. These are rental units, Section 8 housing, low-income units. They have the higher lead levels. We will also provide this service to homeowners that request it, and they will be charged the 20% match.

We will also be trading in testing equipment that is 3 years old (purchased with the previous grant). It needs to be upgraded. Racine already has one.

Ed Kubicki commended the Health Division for teaming with Racine to get this grant.

MOTION to approve by Ed Kubicki, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

8. Committee Members Comments

Bill Grady said that Dennis Schultz gave him some background information on the status of the Shalom Center Shelter. There was no significant progress made. Another issue is for the Shalom Center to raise funds. Mr. Grady would like to have Dan Melyon present at the next meeting with an update on the Homeless Shelter.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary