

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 10, 2007
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: David Arrington

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Laurie Staves, Wren Ide, Jim Kennedy.

Others Present: Emily Ayshford, Kenosha News, Brad Weinstock, Shalom Board Co-Chairperson.

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 – 03/08/07

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

4. Aging: Resolution to Designate the Kenosha County Department of Human Services as Kenosha County's Elder Adult-at-Risk and Adult-at-Risk Agency

This resolution is required due to a change in the statute. Wren Ide explained that Chapter 55 now requires each county to designate/identify the agency. This will not effect the budget nor change programming in any way.

MOTION to approve the designation of Kenosha County Department of Human Services as Kenosha County's Elder Adult-at-Risk and Adult-at-Risk agency by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Brookside: Resolution to Increase 2006 Supply Appropriation Unit Budget and Decrease 2006 Contractual Appropriation Unit Budget

This resolution is necessary to close out the 2006 budget. Laurie Staves explained this will transfer \$31,982.00 from the Contractual Appropriation unit budget to the Supply Appropriation unit budget and will reconcile the budget amount to the actual. The Contracted services were under budget and groceries and supplies were over budget. The 2007 Budget includes allowances for the extra costs in groceries and supplies.

MOTION to approve the Increase 2006 Supply Appropriation Unit Budget and Decrease 2006 Contractual Appropriation Unit Budget by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Update on the Homeless Shelter

Brad Weinstock, Shalom Board Co-Chairperson gave an update on the Homeless Shelter. The location is two and a half acres on 79th street east of Sheridan Road, Kenosha Achievement Center property. The building plans have changed. The construction will be done in increments, rather than all at once. The City of Kenosha is supporting this. The current projection is that Shalom will raise \$2 - \$2.5 million rather than the projected \$4 million. The INNS Shelter and the Food Pantry will be housed at the new site. The INNS Shelter will function better at this location and offer more services to the INNS population. The Food pantry moves about 17 tons of food each month and has outgrown its current location. Shalom hopes to collaborate with the Kenosha Achievement Center and Gateway Technical College to provide food and educational services at the new site.

Shalom is focusing on community acceptance and to accomplish this CUSH is supporting the Shalom Center. They plan to hold a series of “cottage meetings” with County Board Supervisors and City of Kenosha Aldermen. These will be informational meetings. Neighborhood meetings will be scheduled after the “cottage meetings” are held. The county has pledged \$250,000.00 and Shalom is confident they will meet the 20% requirement, to release county funds, by the end of the year. Ruth Booth questioned how meals will be provided at the Shalom Center’s current site once the Food Pantry moves. Mr. Weinstock advised that they are working on addressing this concern. They will relocate when they have raised the necessary funds and hope to do this in 2008.

Bill Grady questioned the type of fundraising Shalom will conduct to raise funds. Mr. Weinstock responded that they are discussing various options; the Shalom Center Board is working on finalizing the deal. There has not been any additional conversation with the City of Kenosha since they pledged to match the county funds. Bill Grady summarized the project as being two-thirds to one-half the original scope with match funds available. Mr. Weinstock agreed with this summary. Ed Kubicki asked for projected number of the homeless that will be served at the new site. Mr. Weinstock responded 25 –30 are currently served at each INNS Shelter site and the hope is to increase that number with a larger facility. Mr. Weinstock thanked the committee for allowing him to present this update and for their continued support.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law- None

8. Committee Members Comments

Bill Grady said that 6 months ago Brookside started a Mentoring Program and Mr. Grady suggested a summary of how the Mentoring Program is progressing be presented at the next meeting. Judy Rossow will request it be placed on the agenda.

9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Jones