

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 1, 2007  
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Sandy Hardt, Jeff Wilson, Laurie Staves, John Jansen

Others Present: Eileen Katz

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments

Eileen Katz commented on 2 legislative bills, SB51 and AB94. She is from Milwaukee and is a member of the Coalition for Wisconsin Health that has been writing universal health coverage since the 1980's. She distributed material to committee members. They want to address quality assurance and access. Under the proposed health plans, the State will be divided into 6 areas and each area will have a representative to the State. Access to the individual will be open and clear. All prescriptions will be free under this plan. Everyone will be covered in the State. The State will negotiate with the drug companies to get the lowest prices. They will also negotiate with all of the nurses, primary care doctors, hospitals, specialty doctors, etc. Costs will be reduced drastically. We will see a 15% cut in what we are spending now. There will be no co-pays. Corporations will be assessed according to their employee population and individuals will pay a fee, depending on their income. This is something we desperately need now. Health care is rising at a rate of 7% - 14% each year. Insurance companies will have a different role and will be very much against this.

3. Approval of Minutes - 4/10/07

MOTION to approve minutes by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Brookside: Resolution to Modify 2007 Capital Improvement Plan

Laurie Staves stated that the budget was adopted last November. This is to replace the entire hallway flooring at one time, instead of doing it in sections. It was going to be done over a period of 3 years, but we decided it will be better to do it all at once. This will assure that the colors match, that the quality is the same, and create fewer disruptions in operations. We sent this out to bid through Purchasing. We are only asking for an additional \$102,556 this year out of Brookside's separate reserve fund. We plan to pay that back to the reserve over 3 years. \$50,000 is set aside each year for improvements. They have just over \$1 million in their reserve fund now. It's a non-lapsing policy. It can never exceed \$3.5 million and we can never take more than \$50,000 in one year.

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

5. DCFS: Resolution to create a designated bank account at U.S. Bank for lump sum distributions of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for children in out-of-home placement

Jeff Wilson explained that this is to create a designated bank account at U.S. Bank for children in foster care when DCFS becomes protective payee. SSI will send a lump sum (over \$4,000 usually) but it needs to go into a bank account. It must be a separate account to receive this lump sum distribution per federal regulations. Every month, we pull out money to pay for placement costs. The reason we want to use U.S. Bank (as opposed to another bank) is because U.S. Bank has the ability to upload the information into the SACWIS system directly to the government, and they do this automatically. John Jansen and Ron Rogers are the only two people designated to sign for these funds. No interest is paid by this checking account; money doesn't stay in it long enough.

MOTION to approve by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Sandy Hardt gave an update on the Mentoring Program at Brookside. Of the 11 CNA's hired, there are 8 remaining, and they are doing very well. David Arrington asked if there was something in writing for the mentors to use as a guideline. Ms. Hardt replied that there is a checklist for all CNA's to follow. The mentoring program usually last 2 weeks, but it could be longer if the CNA is new. It's done on an individual basis. Mr. Arrington suggested using a survey for negative and positive feedback for use in improving the program and building upon it. Ms. Hardt replied that they do this informally, but they could put it in writing. Bill Grady asked that Ms. Hardt come back in October with another update. He would like to see this twice a year.

As an informational item only, Dennis Schultz distributed a letter from Superior Health Linen stating that all Unite Here's unfair labor practices brought against them have been dismissed.

Mr. Schultz also stated that he and Jim Kennedy will be meeting with Dan Melyon of the Shalom Center on May 3rd (after the Shalom Center Board meeting) for an update on the homeless shelter.

7. Committee Members Comments - None

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Bill Grady. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary