

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
May 29, 2007
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: Bill Grady and David Arrington (both excused)

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros, Jim Kennedy, Bob Riedl

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 - 5/1/07

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

4. Resolutions to Approve County Executive Appointments to the newly created Kenosha County Aging and Disability Resource Center Board (ADRCB), as follows: Phyllis Rozinski, Ione Kreamer, Paulette Kisse, Richard Lenz, Richard Willoughby, Lisa Thompson, Jaymie Laurent, Earl Hawley, Jean Rumachik, Timothy Thompkins, Carol Schaufel, Captain Gary Preston, Sandra Mikolas

MOTION to approve all of the above appointments by Ruth Booth, seconded by Ed Kubicki. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Resolution to Reorganize the Department of Human Services

There were 2 handouts distributed. Bob Riedl stated that there may be suspicion on the part of the committee members pertaining to any reorganization. But he reassured the members that the job descriptions were painstakingly analyzed and they are representative of the work that will need to be done. Referring to the Division of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) organization chart in the blue folder, there will be 3 non-rep and 6 represented positions in the new division. This eliminates 2 non-rep and 1-1/2 represented positions. One of the union positions is currently vacant. We have had discussions with the Union. They believe we do not have to re-post these positions. This is a good thing because these employees are skilled in this division already. The non-rep positions will be posted internally and externally. It will be an open competition, consistent with the hiring policy of the County.

LaVerne Jaros referred to the Summary handout. Ron Frederick and Wren Ide will be leaving, and one management position will move to DCFS to work with the children's programs. For 2008, we should be able to come in at just over \$900,000 unfunded costs. A large part of our budget is leaving with Family Care, but the majority of the people we serve and the services we provide will remain. We still have a large responsibility to the people, especially the mentally ill population.

Referring to the blue folder documents, Jim Kennedy reaffirmed that we did go through some pains to get to this point. We spent a lot of time on this, determining supervision, tasks, responsibilities, etc.

John Jansen stated that there has been a significant increase of children with Developmental Disabilities (DD) being placed in Residential Treatment Centers (RTC's), most at a cost of \$280 per day. It makes sense to have the management position dealing with DD children's programs to transfer to DCFS. When these youth turn 18, they will be placed in adult group homes. It is hoped that this person will be able to recruit these types of homes for DD youth. We'll also be able to identify DD youth at an earlier age and develop wrap around services to keep them in our community.

Dennis Schultz explained the budget handout. The yellow section shows what we knew in 2006. As of 5/24/07, it appears that the Governor and Joint Finance are in support of following the 22% of Community Aids formula for the county's Family Care contribution. The blue section shows the county levy for Family Care, which will decrease from \$904,000 in 2008, to \$682,842 in 2009, to \$572,263 in 2010, and to \$461,684 in 2011. It will stay at this figure forever. Administrative costs reduce from \$1,777,955 in 2007 to \$1,078,379 in 2008. We are in a much better position than we were a year ago. Family Care is going very well. Transitioning is right on target, including those on the waiting list.

Ed Kubicki asked about the loss of 1/2 FTE. Mr. Riedl explained that the person could post out within the next 6 months. He's optimistic we will not have to lay off a person. We have been holding positions open just in case we need places for our people to post in to. We will work with that person to find a place for her.

LaVerne Jaros added that three (3) fiscal staff will be affected. One person left already. She was a Hoppe & Orendorff employee and they found another position for her. Mr. Schultz stated he is confident that Hoppe & Orendorff will find more positions for the other two people.

Bob Riedl complimented Jim Kennedy - he did a wonderful job on this. Mr. Kennedy's detailed information is very helpful in this reorganization.

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

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Judy Rossow asked about the status of the homeless shelter. Mr. Kennedy said that he and Mr. Schultz attended a CUSH meeting last week. The CUSH members seem eager to re-activate a community process in support of the shelter. We provided them each with a packet of information and a DVD - "Homeless in the Heartland".

7. Committee Members Comments - None

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Ruth Booth. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary