

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
May 6, 2008
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Ed Kubicki, Terry Rose, Dick Kessler, Jennifer Jackson, Jeff Gentz

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Adelene Greene, John Milisaukas, Cindy Johnson, Wayne Krueger, LaVerne Jaros, Ron Rogers, Sandy Hardt

Others Present: Co. Bd. Supr. Dayvin Hallmon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Ed Kubicki, Chairperson.

Orientation for new members - slide presentation and handouts

John Jansen, Acting Director for DHS, reviewed the 2008 DHS budget with the committee members. Mr. Jansen introduced Laurie Staves, DHS Fiscal Director, Sharon Davis, Secretary for the Office of Director, and the division directors present: Sandy Hardt, Director, Brookside Care Center, LaVerne Jaros, Director, Division of Aging & Disability Services, Ron Rogers, Acting Director of Children & Family Services, Adelene Greene, Director of Workforce Development, John Milisaukas, Job Center Manager, who works with the dislocated workers, and Cindy Johnson, Nursing Director for Health. Committee members were encouraged to contact any of us with questions or if they would like a tour. Phone numbers are on one of the lists in the mailed packets.

The DHS 2008 budget is \$70 million, of which \$57 million is revenue and \$13.4 million is levy. DHS levy is 26% of the total County levy. There are 354 FTE in our Department. The Office of Director has a \$1 million budget and 6 county FTE's. In OOD, we have Fiscal Management, Contract Monitoring, Computer Applications Development, Planning & Evaluation, and Central Services. Brookside is a 154 bed facility, with the largest population being Medicaid patients. DADS is a newly combined division of Aging & Disability Services. It handles the Resource Center, Adult Protective Services, Guardianship Services, and the Community Support Program. DCFS has a \$22 million budget, 51.5 FTE, and handles child welfare referrals for abuse and neglect. DWD has a \$17 million budget, 74 FTE and handles Child Support, Subsidized Child Care, MA, FoodShare, W-2, and the Dislocated Worker Program. Health has a \$6.4 million budget, 47 FTE and handles the Child Care Seat Program, Lead Program, STD screenings, immunization clinics, pregnancy tests, licenses and inspections, etc. 23,000 tests, STD screenings, and immunizations were administered in 2006. The Medical Examiner has a \$581,000 budget, 6 FTE, and handles autopsies, death certificates, tissue recovery, removal of bodies from the scene, etc. Veterans has a \$272,000 budget, 3 FTE and provides services including federal home loans, family burial benefits, personal loans, education grants, etc.

Dayvin Hallmon asked if the funding for Veterans could be increased. Laurie Staves answered that it's State funded, which is stagnant, as is a lot of our funding.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 4/8/08

MOTION to approve minutes by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Health: Resolution to Modify 2008 Budget to reflect funding awarded by the Medical College of Wisconsin, Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program for the Kenosha County Suicide Prevention Initiative.

Wayne Krueger distributed handouts, explaining that this is a 3-year grant with the Medical College of Wisconsin for \$150,000 a year. Because Kenosha County is the primary provider of services, we will get \$317,135 of this over 3 years. Mental Health of America will receive \$6,000, and the Medical College will receive the rest of the funding as partners in this project. Mr. Krueger distributed a new budget page with modifications. We will be allocating a portion of the rent and charging it back to the grant - \$11,000 over the 3 years.

Cindy Johnson said that a pilot program identified 3 areas of concern: motor vehicle accidents, falls, and suicide. Over 50 people attended the first Coalition meeting we held to address the issue of suicide, and we developed a Community Resource Card. This grant will start July 1st. There were 27 suicides in 2007, 30 suicides in 2006, and 26 in 2005. Appleton has the highest rate of suicides, and Kenosha has the second highest rate. Of deaths between the ages of 36 and 60, 50% of them are suicides. We will hire a .5 FTE Psychiatric Nurse to increase access to mental health care and increase the knowledge in our community. Ten people will be trained as trainers, and they will train others. We want to reduce the lethal means of suicide, i.e., by providing gun locks, etc. Currently, people contemplating suicide can call 911 or Adult/Juvenile Crisis at KHDS.

Mr. Hallmon said that he has read extensively on suicides and asked what the prevailing issue was. Ms. Johnson replied that it's 'mental health' and accessing care, as well as limited or no insurance coverage. This is the issue we are trying to reduce.

Ms. Staves said that this resolution went to the Administration Committee last night and they approved the hiring of the .5 FTE Psychiatric Nurse. This position will be eliminated when the grant funding ends.

Jennifer Jackson said that she was pleased that someone applied for this grant.

MOTION to approve with the new budget modification form by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Health: Resolution to Modify 2008 Budget to reflect funding awarded by the Medical College of Wisconsin, Southeastern Regional Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Center

Wayne Krueger said this is a one-year grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin to help youth in our area with special health care needs. This is new funding and the work will be done by our current school nurses. They will enter the information into the State database.

Ms. Johnson explained that right now there are medical emergency cards at the schools, and nurses review them to identify special health care needs. This will be an enhancement.

It has not been entered into the State database before. The State is collecting this information and will compare it with other counties to identify needs.

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Dick Kessler. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

7. Committee Members Comments

Dick Kessler said that he was contacted by Co. Bd. Supr. Kimberly Breunig, asking him to be a mentor for the youth for this committee. We will find out on May 20th who they are.

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Terry Rose. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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