

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 5, 2008  
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Ed Kubicki, Jeff Gentz, Dick Kessler, Terry Rose, Jennifer Jackson, Andrea Vagnoni, Jaron Arbet

Staff Present: John Jansen, Frank Matteo, John Milisaukas, Randy Wergin, Jeff Wilson

Others Present: Co. Bd. Supervisors Shavonda Marks & Dayvin Hallmon

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 7/1/08

MOTION to approve minutes by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Jennifer Jackson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of County Executive Appointment of Martha Sanchez to the Commission on Aging

John Jansen explained that Martha Sanchez had planned on attending this meeting, but she called today saying that something came up and she would be unable to attend. This appointment will fill the last vacancy on this Aging Commission for individuals from a diverse background. Ms. Sanchez is Hispanic.

MOTION by Jeff Gentz to move this item to the next meeting when Ms. Sanchez could attend, seconded by Terry Rose. Andrea Vagnoni and Jaron Arbet voted 'yes' to this motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Kenosha County Division of Health - Overview of Permits/Licenses

John Jansen stated that Frank Matteo and Randy Wergin would be presenting on this topic. There were a number of questions at the last meeting, especially about Lincoln Market. This is 'not' a meeting about that. It's about the procedure. The Board of Health would address any problems with Lincoln Market. Mr. Gentz asked 'why not?' Mr. Jansen explained that this is not the proper forum for this. The Board of Health is the oversight body regarding establishments. Mr. Gentz stated he was not happy with this. Mr. Matteo responded that the Board of Health is a separate board. The Division of Health is an agent of the State which means they can inspect and license, including establishments such as Lincoln Market. There are probably 165,000 people in Kenosha County. We are a Level 3 Full Service health division, which is the highest possible. We have a public health lab and nursing staff. Randy Wergin added that there are probably about 300 establishments in Kenosha County they are responsible for. Ed Kubicki asked, 'Where can these supervisors get answers about a specific food establishment?' Mr. Matteo replied that normally, if we had an establishment that had a hearing before the Board of Health, and we were going to take their license away, files go to the Board of Health members.

Jennifer Jackson asked how many violations an establishment would have before going to a hearing. Mr. Wergin replied that pertaining to taking a license away, we took Budget Motel's license away a few years ago. It's a really rare occurrence. We can close establishments immediately for a short period of time until corrections are made or a revocation can occur. We accept citizen complaints. We had 12 complaints on Lincoln Market from citizens. We investigate all of them.

Terry Rose stated that we are here to ask any questions under the DHS jurisdiction. We can question whether the laws are being effectively enforced. We have legislative control and can acquire that only through questions. Dick Kessler added that we are the oversight committee for Human Services and we should be able to request anybody be here. Mr. Gentz agreed with Mr. Rose and expressed his concern that Lincoln Food Mart is 'not' on this agenda, and now we can't discuss this. He would like to know if anyone would feel more comfortable having it on the agenda.

Mr. Wergin said that of the 12 citizen complaints, 9 were related to litter outside. Sour milk was the only complaint inside the store. We have downgraded their license. They are not allowed to grind meat. This has nothing to do with the complaints. This was the result of our inspections. We also know that an occupancy permit has been filed for a new owner with the City. County Board Supervisors can call me any time with a complaint or concern. We investigate everything. We don't do background checks on owners. With a new owner, this establishment can go back to grinding meat. Any new owners would need to know about food handling laws and we will need to license them. Mr. Wergin distributed a handout and explained the procedure. They make routine inspections throughout the year on every facility.

Shavonda Marks asked how many times and violations before they are closed? Mr. Wergin replied that it would depend on the severity of the violations. You don't take a license away because there is litter on the street. We found violations based on our routine inspections and took action. We have issued multiple citations and downgraded their license, limiting the items they can sell. Ms. Marks asked, 'How much more do they need to do before you say enough is enough?' Mr. Wergin responded that again, it depends on the severity. We have nothing to do with liquor - that is the City. We do food only. They have been very compliant. They don't own any other establishments that Mr. Wergin is aware of.

Dayvin Hallmon asked if there are any criminal charges that are still pending. Mr. Wergin did not know. The Health Division is not notified when there is a criminal charge. We do food. We have nothing to do with DVD's or cigarettes. We can't take their license away because (for example) they may be selling cigarettes to minors. We follow the Wisconsin Food Code.

Mr. Jansen stated that we can only shut down a facility if they are in violation of the Wisconsin Food Code. It has nothing to do with criminal charges.

Mr. Wergin said that someone was there this morning. They are compliant.

6. DWD: Resolution to Modify the 2008 Budget for the Southeastern Wisconsin Emerging Industries Skills Partnership Grant

Jeff Wilson, DWD/DCFS Fiscal Manager, said that the State awarded us \$100,000 to assist WIA Adult Program participants in the 3-county area (Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth) to train in manufacturing operations. Up to 59 participants would get placed, depending on the funding.

John Milisauskas, Job Center Manager, works with the WIA Program. He said that we applied 13 months ago for this funding and we are surprised to get this now. Kenosha is the fiscal agent for the tri-county area. Boot camp style of training is from 8:00 - 5:00, just like a job, and will be a more hands-on concept. This will fund two CNC boot camps and one welding boot camp. CNC machine operation is a very much needed occupation in this area. Mr. Gentz asked how we pick the people. Mr. Milisauskas replied that we take 16 people per class (8 from Racine and 8 from Kenosha). We work with the applicant taking them through a series of steps to help us identify the best candidates. During the last CNC Boot Camp, we terminated 4 people that started the training because of poor attendance. We try to treat the training as close as we can to a job. Classes will be held on the Racine Gateway campus. We test them on reading and math skills to make sure they are ready for the training. If not, they receive remedial services first before entering training. The boot camp concept has been pretty successful.

MOTION to approve by Terry Rose, seconded by Jeff Gentz. Andrea Vagnoni and Jaron Arbet both voted 'yes'. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Mr. Jansen apologized for the miscommunication tonight regarding the Health Division presentation and expectations the Committee members had.

Mr. Jansen distributed the 2007 DHS Annual Report, stating that copies were also placed on the other County Board Supervisors desks upstairs for the following County Board meeting.

8. Committee Members Comments

Terry Rose said that infant mortality, especially in black babies, is a problem that was brought to his attention at a recent meeting. Ms. Jackson distributed a little booklet on facts and some notes she took at that meeting. She suggested that this be brought to the whole Board at their next meeting. They could also request Jack Waters to make a presentation addressing the issue of access to health care. We need to get on board with this; it's an embarrassment.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Dick Kessler. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary

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