

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 14, 2009  
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: Andrea Vagnoni

Staff Present: Laurie Staves, Fran Petrick, Barbara Beardsley, Jennie Tunkieicz, Anna McCreery, Cindy Johnson

Others Present: Bob Pitts

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 3/3/09

MOTION to approve minutes by Dick Kessler, seconded by Jeff Gentz. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

4. Resolutions to Approve County Executive Appointments as follows:

**Jeanne Sanchez-Bell to the Board of Health**

Terry Rose moved to defer this resolution to the next meeting when Ms. Sanchez-Bell could be present. There was no second, and motion failed. Cindy Johnson explained that this is the appointment by the Mayor with the approval of the County Executive for a newly created position on the Board of Health. She worked with Ms. Sanchez-Bell in 1996 as a student intern. Ms. Sanchez-Bell is currently a teacher and volunteers her time as a Medic/First Responder. Mr. Rose again expressed his desire to see this appointee. After learning that she had not been invited to this meeting, Mr. Kubicki asked that she be invited to a special meeting next Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00, prior to the County Board meeting.

Jeff Gentz expressed his confusion of this committee's policy. Sometimes people come and sometimes they don't. We shouldn't be picking and choosing. It should be all or none. We have approved people without them being here before. He went on to question the qualifications of this appointee. She's not a doctor or in the medical field.

Cindy Johnson explained that it is not a requirement to have health background. She went on to summarize from Resolution No. 92 dated 12/2/08 which added this position (a handout to the members). In the 4th paragraph, according to State Statutes, the Board of Health shall consist of one Co. Bd. Supervisor, 2 physicians, one dentist, one registered nurse, one representative of the City of Kenosha who is nominated by the Mayor, and remaining members to be residents with broad social viewpoint and serious interest in health protection of community.

Bob Pitts stated that he supports Mr. Rose's position to have this person appear before this committee.

It was moved by Dick Kessler and seconded by Terry Rose to defer this appointment to a special meeting on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. and to invite Jeanne Sanchez-Bell to attend. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

**Jennie Tunkieicz to the Workforce Development Board**

MOTION to approve by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Dick Kessler. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

5. **Resolution to Increase Revenues and Expenses for Family Care Contribution to State of Wisconsin**

Laurie Staves explained that this is strictly an accounting change. The State originally was going to take the Family Care cost from our Community Aids before passing it on to Kenosha County, but they are having difficulty and are requesting a check from us. This resolution amends both the 2008 and 2009 budgets to accept the additional revenue and creates another disbursement line to disburse the check.

MOTION to approve by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Jeff Gentz. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

6. **Resolution to Modify Brookside Care Center 4th Quarter 2008 Budget**

Laurie Staves stated that Brookside did not have enough budget authority to cover all expenses for 2008. She reviewed the Budget Modification Form saying that utilities ran \$37,000 over budget. Almost \$28,000 in salaries and FICA are year-end adjustments. \$156,000 in overtime accounts also needs to be covered. This item was never budgeted for in 2007 or 2008, but it is in the 2009 budget. We budgeted just under \$300,000 for overtime in 2009. This amount was based on the prior year. A budget surplus in the amount of \$178,654 is being transferred from the Division of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) to help cover Brookside's budget overages. DADS had excess budget authority, so we can use this amount to help cover the overage in Brookside because it's all within the Dept. of Human Services (DHS).

Jennifer Jackson asked if we knew anything about the current information she read about the state getting rid of nursing overtime. Fran Petrick replied that there is a bill before the State Assembly to do away with mandatory overtime. Brookside does not have mandatory overtime except for a declared state of emergency (that she believes needs to come from the Governor).

MOTION to approve by Dick Kessler, seconded by Jeff Gentz. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

7. **Informational Item: DHS 2008 Year End Report**

Laurie Staves said that she will be presenting this DHS 2008 Year End Report to the Finance Committee on 4/16 this week. DHS will be giving back just under \$400,000 to the General Fund for 2008.

8. Informational Item: Brookside Care Center Purchase Change of 2009 Budgeted Capital Outlay

Laurie Staves stated that we are requesting to deviate from our planned Capital Outlay to purchase a table top 6-burner range for \$1,500 in 2009. We recently learned of a change in the Federal Food Code that requires specific dietary garbage containers and will instead use this budget amount to purchase these containers. This is an informational report only.

9. Health: Resolution to Modify 2009 Budget to Reflect Funding Awarded by US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Kenosha Communities Partnership Program

Anna McCreery distributed a Program Abstract explaining that this is a new grant program. It's similar to the current Lead Demonstration Grant but it will expand to other health hazards in the homes. We wrote the grant fairly open because we were not sure what we will find in the homes. The goal is to protect at least 1,000 children and adults living in distressed housing units through housing-related health hazard control measures such as: Unintentional injury, including slips, falls, burns and electric shock, Asthma and Allergy triggers, Poisoning Preventions, regarding lead dust and chemical access, Emergency Aid, including smoke and CO detectors, unit ID numbers, emergency routines, and Radon Exposure. We will utilize and coordinate resources of multiple city and county government agencies, private owners of housing units, private contractors, non-profit agencies, etc. We will hire 2 more un-rep staff members. We receive referrals from physicians, WIC, Head Start, city government, PSN, just to name a few. This is a completely voluntary program.

Laurie Staves added that un-rep means they are grant funded. This is a 3-year grant in the amount of \$875,000.

Jennifer Jackson asked that this committee be kept updated on this program and how it's going. She requested that Ms. McCreery return in 6 months with a report.

MOTION to approve by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jaron Arbet also voting 'yes'.

10. Brookside Update

Fran Petrick indicated that when she was appointed in December, Jeff Gantz requested that she return with an update. She was pleased to announce that on April 1st, Barbara Beardsley started at Brookside as the new Director of Nursing. Ms. Beardsley is a Kenosha County resident and knows many people at Brookside already. She worked at Ridgewood in Racine and another nursing home in Kenosha. Ms. Petrick has a lot of faith in Ms. Beardsley.

Barbara Beardsley said she was very happy to meet everyone, and that Brookside Care Center is a very nice facility. The Human Services Committee members all welcomed her. Ms. Beardsley stated that they are nearly fully staffed, only needing 2 positions to be filled.

Ms. Petrick reported that as of today, all 154 beds at Brookside are occupied. She further announced that it only took her about 3 weeks to realize that Brookside Care Center is the "Jewel of Kenosha" and the nursing home of choice for Kenosha County residents. This committee and Kenosha County have been good stewards in maintaining this facility.

Fran explained the 5-star rating program for nursing homes. Brookside is rated at 4 stars. It's a flawed system. For example, 20% of homes must be rated as a "1" and only 10% can be rated a "5". They look at annual surveys, the MDS quality indicators, and staffing. The rating can go up or down when nothing has changed at your facility.

There are approximately 400 people on the waiting list for Brookside.

The Governor's budget is a challenge right now. He is trying to use the Certified Public Expenditure Payments (CPE) to help balance his budget. This could affect the Brookside 2009 budget by about \$400,000. A meeting was held at Brookside yesterday with Senator Bob Wirth, Rep. Peter Barca, and Bob Pitts. Fran had met with Rep. Kerkman a few weeks ago on this issue. It's not fair to wipe out a budget mid-stream. We are fighting very hard on this one. The WACH Lobby Day is April 22nd and 8 - 10 people from Kenosha will be attending.

Bob Pitts commented that he is very proud of Fran Petrick's leadership at Brookside. She just updated the attendance policy and they have implemented a resident survey.

11. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None
12. Committee Members Comments - None
13. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Dick Kessler. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary

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