

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
November 3, 2009
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: Ali Khaleel (excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Frank Matteo, Cindy Johnson, Gina Carver

Others Present: Suprs. Kim Breuning, John O'Day, and Gabe Nudo, Joe Potente, Kenosha News

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 - 10/6/09, Jt. 10/14/09 HSC/HSB

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

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Supervisor Richard Kessler to the Brookside Board of Trustees

Jennifer Jackson asked Dick Kessler if he believed in a public nursing home or if he wanted to privatize it. Mr. Kessler responded that he was not in favor of privatizing Brookside.

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Jennifer Jackson. MOTION CARRIED with Alice Wei voting 'yes', and Dick Kessler abstaining.

5. DADS: Resolution to Modify 2009 Budget to Add American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funding for Western Transit Capital Equipment

Carolyn Feldt stated that these are 100% federal stimulus funds in the amount of \$248,900. We are eligible because we are operating the Western County Transit Project. These funds are to be used for capital equipment and we have 3 years to spend this funding. We will be purchasing a bus, van, dispatching software, and bus stop amenities. We just finished 2 years of service in the county. We are still in a growth pattern and getting positive comments. No additional county levy is required.

Ms. Jackson asked if we can spend some of this money on marketing. Ms. Feldt explained that we can spend 'current' operating money on marketing, but these new funds must be spent on capital equipment.

Jeff Gentz asked where we are doing the marketing. Ms. Feldt replied that we currently have an ad running west of the Interstate. We do on-board rider surveys to learn where

they heard of this transit service. The majority learned about it from the Kenosha News that was reported as a news item. Word of mouth and drivers also get the word out.

We are looking at wrapping the buses so they look more attractive. We have received feedback that the busses are not attractive to ride, so we are trying to spruce them up.

Supr. Kim Breunig asked if bike racks will be added in the spring. Ms. Feldt responded that this is not in the plan at this time. We have plenty of room for bikes on the bus and riders have taken them on the bus with them.

Ms. Jackson asked about the possibility of advertising on the sides of the buses. Ms. Feldt said that we don't do this. Len Brandrup, the City Transportation Dept. Director, who is also working on this project, is not favorable to this idea.

We have another grant that expires in 2010 which is paying for putting up 30 bus stop signs with the phone number.

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Alice Wei voting 'yes'.

6. DADS: Resolution to Modify 2009 Budget for Community Living Program

Carolyn Feldt said that this is a 2-year grant for \$693,041 for the Community Living Program to provide case management assistance to those people "not" eligible for Medicaid and to assist them in arranging for services in their home. This is for those people who don't qualify for Family Care but need assistance to remain safely in their homes.

MOTION to approve by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Dick Kessler. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Alice Wei voting 'yes'.

7. H1N1 Clinics

Cindy Johnson distributed a 5-page handout, stating that we started our clinics 3 weeks ago. We have held 2 clinics and both were very successful. We delivered 2,300 vaccines. We provided both the injectable vaccine and the flu mist at the first clinic, but only the flu mist at the second clinic. Not everyone can receive the mist. There were press releases and the press did a wonderful job educating people about the eligible populations. There will be future clinics, but we are waiting for more vaccine.

Of 165,000 people in Kenosha County, the original target population was 99,000. We guessed that about 1/3 would choose to receive the vaccine. The state has been very generous to our county.

Alice Wei commented that she attended the Tremper clinic. Some people were angry because they could not receive the vaccine. Ms. Johnson understood and explained that some people were over age or had other issues, and therefore were not eligible according to the guidelines that had been outlined in the Kenosha News press release.

Terry Rose asked how many shots were provided. Ms. Johnson answered that a total of 2,347 vaccines were given at both clinics, 1,500 at the County Center, and under 900 at Tremper. Mr. Rose expressed his frustration that the federal government was not ready with vaccine for everyone. Ms. Johnson said they are still using the egg impregnation method, which is an antiquated procedure. We will receive more, but we don't know how much or when. This is provided by the federal government, so you can go anywhere you

want for your vaccine. If you live in Kenosha, you can go to Milwaukee or Illinois, wherever you want. We receive a vaccine amount based on our county population. There have not been any reported problems with the vaccine.

8. Possible Medical Examiner 2009 Budget Modification Resolution

The Resolution was distributed. Gina Carver said that the Medical Examiner's Office would like to purchase a body scale for a cost of about \$6,000. We have about \$3,695 for this scale. Because we will have a savings in the Professional Services line item, which pays for autopsy assistants and dental identifications, we would like to use this savings to make up the difference. We have never had a scale. We currently use the estimate and eyeball method. A scale will help us be much more accurate, especially in a case of foul play. We hope to take delivery of the scale this year.

MOTION to approve by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Jeff Gentz. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Alice Wei voting 'yes'.

9. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

10. Committee Members Comments - None

Jeff Gentz asked if Brookside was under DHS. John Jansen replied 'yes' it is; however, the Brookside director reports directly to the County Executive. This changed when Fran Petrick was hired. Terry Rose thought it was in the budget resolution a year ago, but asked for confirmation of this fact.

Mr. Rose referenced Page 3 of the 10/14/09 minutes, 3rd paragraph from the bottom. It states that the new Brookside position of \$64,838 includes benefits. While he agreed that this was what was stated at the 10/14/09 meeting, he didn't believe it was accurate. Mr. Jansen replied that the position has since been reduced from an E to a C in the pay scale, but he thinks it is still around that total including benefits. Mr. Rose asked how someone supervising 2 social workers can earn less than them. Mr. Jansen replied that he earns less than some people working for him. Ed Kubicki added that when you have social workers with 25 and 30+ years working with the County, they would be making more.

Jeff Gentz stated that the Finance Committee added a quarterly review to check on the revenue being produced. That position could be terminated as a result. Mr. Rose clarified that no committee or County Board can terminate a person, but we can eliminate the position.

11. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Terry Rose, seconded by Jennifer Jackson. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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