

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
January 5, 2010
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: Alice Wei (not excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Ron Rogers, Chris Hribal, Jeff Wilson

Others Present: Supervisor David Singer

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 - 12/1/09

MOTION to approve minutes by Dick Kessler, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DCFS: Resolution to Modify the 2009 Budget for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Birth to 3 Program

Ron Rogers stated that DCFS was awarded a \$90,301 grant for a 2-year period, which is contracted to the Kenosha Achievement Center (KAC), for the Birth to 3 Program. The federal funding for this program had been cut by about \$30,000, so this will help cover that. Funds will be used for the partial retention of a staff position, support costs for direct billing services, and for the purchase of 4 laptops and portable scanners for in-home visits. This is a really good program that works with developmentally delayed and disabled children.

Chris Hribal added that the scanners will be used to scan in MA cards, Badger Care, and any private health insurance cards the family may have. We need to have this up-to-date insurance information to bill for services. We currently do not have scanners or laptops, just PCs. This is an opportunity to modernize the program for the staff's use with the family. There are about 10 staff and one supervisor in this program. This funding can be used to enhance services through technology.

With the federal funding reduction to this program, we would have had to reduce the Service Coordination position. But because this new ARRA funding can also be used to retain or fund new positions, so we can maintain this position.

Mr. Rogers added that this program teaches families to help their children, using specific techniques, etc., so that by age 3, these kids have caught up. The KAC will get referrals from schools, pediatricians, and other social service agencies.

Jennifer Jackson said that the Racine Community Action Agency is looking for a grant for Birth to 3 with the Head Start Program. She asked if this had anything to do with this. Mr.

Hribal said that he hadn't heard about that. The KAC also has a grant for Early Head Start with the Birth to 3 component. Approximately 10% of Early Head Start is based on income. It would not be difficult to have the services of both programs meet the needs of families. In Kenosha, the Unified School District has Head Start and KAC has the Early Head Start.

Supervisor David Singer asked about the ownership of the equipment being purchased. Mr. Hribal replied that it will remain with the KAC as long as they have that program.

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

5. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

6. Committee Members Comments

Terry Rose commented that this Committee invited the Brookside Director to attend the December meeting, but she couldn't make it. She was then invited to this January meeting and she is not here. Why? He thought there would be a year-end review tonight.

Ed Kubicki said he was told that Ms. Petrick had 2 meetings which conflicted with this HSC meeting, and that she also had a prior commitment for the December meeting.

Mr. Rose stated that he wants to know which 2 meetings conflicted with tonight's HSC meeting. He is concerned that this Human Services Committee is being ignored. This is part of our oversight. He would like to hold a meeting before February for this presentation.

It was agreed by all committee members to hold a special meeting on January 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to have the Director of Brookside Care Center attend and give an update on the Medicare census, the new Coordinator position, and a general 'how's it going'.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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