

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 3, 2010  
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Terry Rose, Jeff Gentz, Mike Goebel, David Celebre, David Arrington, Megan Jekot (YIG)

Committee Members Absent: Ryan Joseph (excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Ron Rogers, Adelene Greene, Cindy Johnson, Randy Wergin

Others Present: Sarah Fraley, Nellie Musignac, Supervisor Gail Gentz, Joe Potente-Kenosha News

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Terry Rose.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Resolutions to Approve County Executive Appointment as follows:  
John Jansen as Department Director of Human Services

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Gail Gentz to the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency Board

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by David Celebre. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DWD Presentation: Update on MA Navigator

Sarah Fraley, the SE Wisconsin Medicaid Liaison, and Nellie Musignac, Medicaid Navigator for Kenosha County, distributed a handout and gave an update on the MA Navigator position for Kenosha. Ms. Musignac started in March, 2009 to help ensure that pregnant women in Kenosha received pre-natal care. One provider had been delivering 1/3 of the Medicaid babies, and he was closing his practice in this area. Nellie's role was to assist pregnant Medicaid women become connected with OB/GYN doctors. Since being hired, she has connected with 720 women and helped place 570, including 100 that were transferred from the previous doctor who left.

This position has had a significant impact in a little over a year. Seventeen OB/GYN doctors are now taking pregnant Medicaid women as patients. They are partnered with the Health Division and WIC to help women get pre-natal care sooner. Patients are seen within 2 weeks of the Medicaid insurance being opened.

State policy allows 30 days to process an application. But the Navigator works to help get the applications processed quickly and will contact workers and supervisors to push them through faster. So, it usually takes no longer than 10 days. Both Ms. Fraley and Nellie

praised Lauren Fox, the supervisor that works with Nellie on these applications, saying that she goes above and beyond to help speed the processing of applications.

Citizen women can apply for “express” Medicaid enrollment, allowing them to get immediate care. Non-citizen women can also enroll in Medicaid because of their unborn child. There are about 62 Medicaid deliveries per month on average.

To improve on this service, Ms. Fraley and Ms. Musignac would like to get the word out to the community and get better compliance from the participants.

The Wisconsin 2020 Health Plan gave credit to the Kenosha Navigator position. Copies will be sent to the Human Services Committee members and to Joe Potente.

5. Informational Item: Health Dept. - Restaurant Inspections

Randy Wergin distributed a packet to the members, stating that in 3 weeks, the Health Division will begin to post restaurant inspection information on the Kenosha County DHS website. There are 54 different violations on the inspection report. The inspection summaries will be backdated to 7/1/10. This report will also list when problems are resolved.

John Jansen added that this is their first kick at this. They will be making improvements as they go along and will make it simpler to use. They wanted to get this out quickly. They did not want a rating system because it may not be “apples to apples” when comparing to other counties.

Mr. Wergin continued that they have 5 inspectors for the entire County. Inspections are unannounced and are done at least once per year, but they can do up to 3 inspections per year at each restaurant. Anyone can file a complaint.

6. DCFS Presentation: Juvenile Justice Report Update

Ron Rogers stated that DCFS has been doing this Juvenile Justice Report for 5 years. They presented it last week to the Judges, DAs, public defenders, school officials, County Board Supervisors, Aldermen, committee members, etc. Kenosha is the only county in Wisconsin that is taking this hard critical look at juvenile statistics. To help prevent juveniles from re-offending, Kenosha County uses substantial resources to hold youth offenders accountable, restore victims of juvenile crime, protect the community, and develop youth competency. A treatment plan will be put together for 64% of the youth supervised by Juvenile Court Intake, who have committed less serious offenses, to divert them from the court system. Of the youth who have entered the court system, and are supervised by DCFS, 74% remained free of new charges during their time of supervision. Nationwide, the average is in the upper 60s, so we are doing good.

The vast majority of kids found delinquent are males - 70%. They have looked at race and have received a Disproportionate Minority Confinement grant to do training in high schools to de-escalate troublesome situations. Restitution can use some improvement, as recovery rates have decreased over the years. Community Service work hours were at 71% and they are trying to get that up in the 80s.

61% of habitual truants are no longer truants, and this is really good. They are trying to contact younger kids to improve this number. 66% of kids do not test positive for drugs and alcohol while on supervision. There is a cost for this testing, which is escalating.

Costly out-of-home placements have been reduced because DCFS and its contracted agencies work with families to provide services, follow kids through school, provide therapy in home, etc. Group Home and RTCs are remaining stable. The number of kids in Corrections has decreased. There has been a 50% drop from 2005 to 2009 because of these preventive programs and services. It costs \$100,000 for one year per kid in Corrections. DCFS can work with 10 kids with these preventive services for one year for this same cost.

Secure Detention is being used less, and that number should take another drop using Washington County. Kids usually respond to supervision and services, and don't need Secure Detention.

DCFS wants to start tracking through CCAP to follow kids as they become adults to see if they are recidivating or staying out of trouble.

Treatment Foster Care is licensed foster parents with specialized training to provide more intensive services for youth with challenging issues. The cost is \$2,500 a month vs. \$500 - \$600 a month for regular Foster Care.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

8. Committee Members Comments

Terry Rose informed the members of a tour on Monday, 8/9/10, of the Kenosha Community Health Center, 6226 -14th Avenue, at 5:00 p.m. as part of the Community Health Center Week 2010.

Mr Rose also informed the members that Frank Matteo, Health Director, retired on 6/10/10. Cindy Johnson, Director of Nursing, is filling in while Personnel searches for a new director.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Mike Goebel, seconded by David Arrington. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis  
KCDHS Secretary

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