

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
December 7, 2010
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, LaVerne Jaros, Cindy Johnson

Others Present: Joe Potente-Kenosha News, Co. Bd. Supr John O'Day, Kathy Otto

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes: 11/9/10

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

4. Resolution to Approve the following County Executive Appointments:
Kathy Otto and Susan Fennell to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

Terry Rose told the committee members that Kathy Otto is new to this board and her resume is included in the packet. Kathy Otto said she was pleased to be asked to be on this board.

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

LaVerne Jaros stated that Susan Fennell had planned to be at this meeting but is not here yet. These are new appointments. Part of our work is a connection with the school system to help transition children to the adult system. Susan Fennell is a school psychologist and special education coordinator. She has 2 children with disabilities. She will be an asset to our committee.

MOTION to approve by David Arrington, seconded by Mike Goebel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Anne Bergo to the Board of Administrative Appeals
Sandra Bisciglia to the Human Services Board

John Jansen stated that Anne Bergo is a re-appointment to this Board of Appeals. He explained that this board was put together and approved in 2002 and currently focuses on child care appeals. They have only met on 2 cases so far because most cases are now going before an Administrative Law Judge at the State.

John O'Day, Chair of the Human Services Board, recommended the re-appointment of Sandie Bisciglia to this Board. She has been very active and is very knowledgeable.

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Mike Goebel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Discussion of DHS 2011 Contract Report

Terry Rose stated that one of the clauses in the budget resolution requires our committee to assess whether contracts are worthwhile. He asked how Mr. Jansen wanted to approach this.

Mr. Jansen explained that the Human Services Dept. needs to report back the results of the outcomes of its contracts to the Finance Committee, Human Services Committee, and Human Services Board. This will require some time. He suggested holding one meeting with all 3 committees to explain our Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Jeff Gentz said he doesn't want to look at every contract, measuring every one. That is the job of the Department. He liked the idea of having the RFP process explained.

Mike Goebel said he would be interested in learning how we secure these contracts.

The question was raised as to how this requirement got into the budget resolution. Mr. Rose stated that he had nothing to do with it. Mr. Jansen said that Co. Bd. Chair Mark Molinaro had a number of questions about the 2% increase during the budget approval process, asking if we will be measuring the effectiveness of the contracts. Mr. Molinaro requested that this language be put in the budget resolution.

Mr. Jansen continued that DHS can report on the outcomes - how we evaluate the contracts and their effectiveness. There are approximately 80 contracts for a total of \$23 million. He will bring a sample of a quarterly report to the next meeting.

Mr. Gentz suggested holding a meeting to explain the RFP process, another meeting to review a couple groups of contracts, and then we could decide how to proceed from there.

Mr. Rose asked that the RFP process be brought to the next meeting. Then they will look at the various categories and what they are accomplishing. Mr. Jansen listed some of the categories: Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Mental Health, etc.

6. Health Presentation: Immunizations

Cindy Johnson brought a bag of vaccine tops from the month of October, so the Committee members could see the large volume of vaccines that the Health Division does. There were 4,200 vaccines given in the month of October. It is State mandated to provide vaccines. 62% of our 2-year old population is immunized according to the State registry database. Our goal is 90%. About a year ago, we were at 30%. Some numbers may not be entered into this database, and we can't remove anyone unless we have a new address, so this could dilute the numbers. Mr. Jansen explained that our Health Division is entering the information into the database, but some providers are not. Because of this, we believe that the 62% number should be higher. Ms. Johnson added that the H1N1 clients went into our database and also diluted the numbers.

Ms. Johnson said that we have given 1,900 flu shots since September this year. In 2009, we gave 18,000 H1N1 vaccines. The number of clients we are seeing has been increasing.

We have seen 14,000 clients so far this year. We will be expanding our NOD (Nurse of the Day) Clinic hours to 5:00 p.m. It had previously closed at 4:15 or 4:30. We also hold a full day on Mondays at the County Center. We have also been purchasing Tdap vaccines (for the whooping cough) and doing outreach efforts to education the community about the importance of this vaccine.

Kenosha County provides more immunizations at our Health Division than any other health department in the state. Doctors charge for the immunization and the office call. We charge \$9 per vaccine, and it's free if people can't afford to pay. This is a benefit to our residents in these economic times. BadgerCare and MA reimburses us for immunizations. We also work with WIC closely. We will go to the homes to provide vaccines if needed.

Over 40,000 letters went out this year to kids needing immunizations. We sent out about 5,000 - 6,000 a month. They receive multiple letters, and we still see many kids on the first 3 days of their exclusion from school.

The Kenosha News supports the Health Division. They regularly have been putting in our blurbs on promoting the immunizations in the 'Briefs' column of the newspaper. They are free which saves us a lot of money. This is an outreach to educate the community.

Terry Rose asked why the whooping cough is coming back - it's an old virus. Ms. Johnson replied that they are re-emerging illnesses. The immunity is weaning in the people who were vaccinated at age 5. Anybody who works with children should have a Tdap or a booster.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Sharon Davis distributed a listing of the 2011 meeting dates, highlighting the budget meeting in October. A couple of the meeting dates may be changed because of primary or general elections. We don't have those dates yet.

8. Committee Members Comments

Terry Rose brought in the Kenosha News article on 'Census Sees Recession's Depth Here', by Joe Potente. He requested that Ms. Davis e-mail it to all County Board Supervisors.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Mike Goebel, seconded by Jeff Gentz. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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