

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 2011
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: Ryan Joseph-YIG (excused)

Staff Present: LaVerne Jaros, Cindy Johnson

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 - 1/4/11, 1/12/11

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

4. Report on Kenosha Transit Service to LakeView Corporate Park

Terry Rose reported that neither the City nor the Village of Pleasant Prairie are willing to fund this transit route. They do not want to transport these people.

5. DADS: Resolution to Add ARRA Living with Chronic Conditions Funding

LaVerne Jaros stated that they received a \$2,500 grant from ARRA funding (federal dollars) to be used on health promotion and wellness. It is to be used to market the Living Well Program and to train volunteers to help people living with chronic conditions. Four volunteers will be sent to a prevention conference in August.

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

6. Presentation: Healthy People Kenosha County 2010 - 10-Year Summary

Cindy Johnson distributed the 2010 10-Year Summary booklet and a Ranking Sheet, explaining that this is our strategic plan. It contains our goals and objectives over the last 10 years. These plans are required by Wisconsin Administrative Rules. We are also required to implement a community health plan. There are over 100 members involved in 6 committees. Each of the 6 committees are charged with developing goals, implementing them, and evaluating the outcomes. We are now developing the 2020 plan.

In reviewing the "Ranking Snapshot" sheet, Kenosha County is 60 out of 72 counties in the health ranking. The target value comes from the national plan that they set.

David Celebre asked about the infant mortality rate and the pre-natal care problem. Ms. Johnson referred him to Page 12 of the Plan, which explains the County Navigator position. We still have this individual and it has helped solve the pre-natal care problem. The chart on Page 17 shows that we have made improvements in the infant mortality rate, especially

for African-American women. Page 11 shows the WIC referrals to the Health Division. There were 860 referrals in 2010, of which 479 qualified for the Pre-Natal Care Coordination Program. Kenosha County averages 2,100 births annually.

Terry Rose questioned the 'Contaminants in municipal water' at 87% for Kenosha County. The target is 0% and the State is at 57%. Ms. Johnson said that she and the Board of Health was surprised to see this as well. They will be investigating this further and will report back to this Committee

With regards to smoking, youth are doing better. We are still behind in obesity. Our Chlamydia rate is 5 times higher than the target. Chlamydia and STDs affect the reproduction system, birth outcomes, and infertility. We are 3 times the target in motor vehicle accident-related ER visits. We don't have enough primary care providers for Kenosha County. We should have 182, but we only have 76. That's 2-1/2 times less than what we should have. 86 of 1,000 Medicare hospital stays could have been preventable if they had done 'xyz'. We need to work on graduation rates so that people can afford health care. The chart on page 16 illustrates that deaths related to heart disease in African Americans had gone down in 2006, but has gone up again.

There were 21 unhealthy air quality days in 2010. There should have been '0'. Access to healthy foods is way below target. Many people can't access grocery stores or farmer's markets. In response to this, WIC gave people food vouchers to be used at farmer's markets so they could purchase fresh food. It was a phenomenal success. We are discussing bringing farmers to the Job Center to reach all of the clients we have.

David Arrington stated that Wal-Mart moving to Hwy 31 really hurt his 10th District. He gets many complaints about this. They lost easy access to groceries.

There has been a higher rate of middle-aged men around age 40 committing suicide. Reasons could include the economy, getting divorced, income affected, and unemployment.

MOTION to receive and file by Jeff Gentz, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None
8. Committee Members Comments - None
9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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