

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2011
Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Staff Present: John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros, Fran Petrick

Others Present: Jack Rose, Lillian Brown

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizen's Comments

Jack Rose stated he was here on behalf of people in Kenosha County with mental illness. He is concerned about the Governor's repair bill in dealing with Medicaid. In Kenosha County, we have over 33,000 people that receive services and benefits from Medicaid. In 2010, \$1.65 million came into the County for Medicaid. His question is: If this goes away and the repair bill is passed, how are we going to take care of the 33,000 people in our County? They can change these Medicaid rulings. Dennis Smith has been appointed to the Dept. to handle this, and he is not a proponent of Medicaid. As the repair bill reads, changes can go to the State Finance Committee, where they have 14 days to rule on it, or it automatically becomes law. The legislative process is eliminated.

3. Resolutions to Approve the Following County Executive Appointments:
Lillian Brown to the Commission on Aging

LaVerne Jaros stated that Sy Adler had recommended Ms. Brown for this committee. She also sits on the Permanency Planning Committee headed by Ron Rogers, and he recommended her as well. Lillian Brown appeared and stated she was glad to be appointed to this commission.

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

Timothy Thompkins to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

LaVerne Jaros said that Mr. Thompkins is a re-appointment and his input has been very valuable. He used to work with the KAC and has a good understanding of persons with disabilities. He would like to remain on this committee.

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

4. Brookside - Statistical Report for 2010

Fran Petrick said that we are pretty much right on target at the end of 2010. We exceeded the budgeted number of Medicare beds at 25.5.

Terry Rose asked about the Private Pay decrease. Ms. Petrick explained that those patients died. Very few people have Private Pay anymore. They lowered their budget number for 2011 because of this. Mr. Rose asked what the numbers were for January and February, 2011. Ms. Petrick responded that she was presenting the 2010 year-end report, but she thought they were currently up to 31 Private Pay, 27 Medicare, and 93 Medicaid as of today. They mostly admit Medicare residents, which is a higher reimbursement rate. Mr. Rose asked Ms. Petrick to bring the 2011 facts and figures to the next meeting.

5. Presentation: DHS "Request for Proposal" Process

This presentation was to have used the media equipment in the Committee Conf Room. Because of the move to a smaller room, this presentation is cancelled.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Terry Rose asked if there were any thoughts on the Governor's budget presentation. John Jansen replied that the Governor's speech today had no details in it. We are expecting reductions in Community Aids and Youth Aids, but we don't have a number yet. We should have more specific information by the next meeting. Mr. Rose asked that this be put on next month's agenda.

Jeff Gentz stated that he would like to see quarterly reports from Brookside but not necessarily at the next meeting. It's imperative to know the impact of the State budget. He agreed with Mr. Rose that the impact of the State budget should be on the agenda for next month.

Mike Goebel added that he would like to know the programs that could be cut.

7. Committee Members Comments

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentz, seconded by David Celebre. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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