

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

May 24, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Kenosha County Administration Building

Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Committee Members Present: Doug Noble, Ed Kubicki, Erin Decker, Terry Rose, David Celebre, Jeff Gentz, Kate Gerou (YIG), Chris Chae (YIG)

Committee Members Absent: David Arrington

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Michelle Eisenhauer, Ron Rogers, Nancy Ramsey, Cynthia Johnson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Supervisor Noble, Chairman.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes – 4/19/11

MOTION to approve minutes by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Rose. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. YIG approved unanimously.

4. Resolution to Modify the 2011 DCFS Budget for a Children's Trust Fund, Family Resource Center Network Grant

Ron Rogers, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, presented information on the grant received in partnership with NJM, Inc (NJM) and Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services Inc. (KAFASI) to expand the Family Resource Center currently operated by NJM and increase funding to the Family Support Program (in-home parenting skills training) operated by KAFASI. Families that are referred for suspected child abuse and/or neglect but screened out will be referred to the new programs. The grant is for \$150,000 each year for five years to add positions in both programs. The county will match the grant with \$37,500. Ms. Gerou asked where the matching funds will come from. Mr. Rogers responded that we will use projected placement savings. The program will begin July 1, 2011 and will run on the State calendar year. Mr. Rogers stated that the program is a positive for the community as it is projected to prevent child abuse/neglect and lower foster care placements.

Supervisor Kubicki commended the Department of Human Services on receiving the grant. He asked how long child abuse/neglect numbers had been tracked in the county. Mr. Rogers responded that the numbers have been tracked for a long time but the standards for determining substantiation had been changed by the State of Wisconsin in 2005 and the numbers have been tracked consistently from that point forward. Kenosha County's report numbers have risen each year since then.

Supervisor Rose asked about NJM, since this a company he was unfamiliar with. He wanted to know what NJM stood for. No one knew but Mr. Rogers stated the company was run by Nancy Morey and Jennifer Madore.

Supervisor Gentz affirmed his belief in leveraging grants of this amount with local match dollars. He stated investment in prevention saves dollars down the road in placements. He asked the duration of the grants. Mr. Rogers stated the grant was for \$150,000 each year for five years if the program reached its goals.

Ms. Gerou asked where the matching funds would come from if placement savings were not achieved. Ms. Staves responded that the match will be budgeted for in each budget cycle in the future.

MOTION by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki to approve the resolution.

Chairman Noble asked what the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) was and how it was funded. Mr. Rogers responded that it is a private entity connected to the State but also receives Federal funding and also a portion of each duplicate birth certificate fee. The goal of CTF is to support programs that strengthen families and prevent child abuse/neglect.

Ms. Gerou asked how this committee will know if this program is working and whether the matching funds should be provided or if the program should be stopped. Mr. Rogers responded that the grant required that goals and objectives were provided for each proposal and refunding was dependent on achieving those goals. The Department will bring a report on progress to date to the committee in the spring of 2012 while YIG members are still on the committee.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. YIG approved unanimously.

5. Report on Medicine Collection Day

Cynthia Johnson, Director of the Division of Health, presented a report on the Kenosha County Medicine Collection Day April 16, 2011. In the future, the County is working on a plan to have collection receptacles in strategic areas of the county where medications can be dropped off in lieu of the collection events. The collection events are costly and are dependent on volunteers and their availability. Sites being considered include the Public Safety Building, the Salem Village Hall and a site in Twin Lakes. The requirements include the receptacle must be in proximity to law enforcement entities and that only law enforcement can take the receptacles to the destruction site in Milwaukee. If that site is not available, the items must be taken to a destruction site in Indianapolis.

Supervisor Decker asked if theft/vandalism would be an issue for these receptacles. Ms. Johnson stated it had not been reported by other sites using this method.

Supervisor Kubicki asked what the receptacles look like. Ms. Johnson responded they function like a mail box.

Ms. Gerou asked what the time line was for the placement of the receptacles. Ms. Johnson stated the goal for purchase of the receptacles was before the grant ends on June 30. The protocol for

placement and agreements that must be reached with law enforcement will take longer and the Division hopes to have the receptacles deployed by the end of 2011.

Ms. Gerou stated she had worked with the Racine County collection event and that it was held the same weekend. She suggested that joint advertising occur in the future to save on costs. Ms. Johnson stated that the goal was to use the receptacle method instead of the collection events.

Chairman Noble asked if any other collection events would be scheduled. Ms. Johnson stated that possibly one more event would be held, primarily to advertise to users that, in the future, the receptacle sites would need to be used.

Supervisor Rose asked what the actual cost of the events was. The burning of the disposed items ran approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000. Cost is based on pounds of products burned. All other costs are staff related and advertising.

Ms. Gerou shared two other suggestions: the runners who approach the cars in the drive up should ask if the users are repeat users and the site should be moved around to different locations to better serve the community.

MOTION to accept the report by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Celebre. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. YIG approved unanimously.

6. 2011 Quarterly DHS Update –

Laurie Staves, Finance Director for the Department of Human Services, shared a quarterly report that had been requested by the Finance Committee and will be shared with the Human Services Committee also. She highlighted that there is currently +\$ 257,000 in the Division of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) (Inpatient/Outpatient Savings \$800,000 minus Residential Placement excess \$425,000 and Pharmacy excess \$118,000).

Supervisor Rose asked what numbers were budgeted for these categories and actual numbers currently placed. Ms. Staves stated she will compile that report and send it to committee members. Ms. Gerou asked if the current report should be tabled until they receive the revised reports and then discussed after they have a chance to review. Chairman Noble stated the committee would continue with the report and would review the requested information at the next meeting.

Supervisor Gentz asked that the YIG members get a copy of the report as submitted by Ms. Staves. She stated she would make sure they received a copy. Supervisor Gentz stated in the future he would like this type of report in advance of the meeting so he has a chance to review the numbers before the meeting.

The committee reviewed page two of the report on Brookside Operations. Chairman Noble asked how the +215 was arrived at. Ms. Staves explained this is the result of revenue minus expenses.

The committee reviewed the last page of the report on Brookside census data. Chairman Noble asked for a clarification between Medicare and Medicaid. Ms. Staves described the differences and noted the reimbursement rates are quite different: \$180 daily for Medicaid, \$570 daily for

Medicare and \$280 daily for Private Pay. She noted that the Medicare rate is an all inclusive rate and Brookside pays for all expenses, unlike MA or Private Pay.

Supervisor Gentz asked for clarification as it appears census is down but revenues are higher than budget. Ms. Staves responded she budgeted Medicare reimbursement at \$452 last year and the rate was increased to the current \$570 which accounts for the current balance despite the census being lower than budgeted.

Supervisor Rose asked if the current Medicare rate covers all expenditures in the program. Ms. Staves responded that it currently is covering all the expenses incurred by the Medicare patients.

Supervisor Celebre asked if the current figures are subject to revision when payments are received or reconciliations are done. Ms. Staves responded that the county uses accrual accounting and revenue is put on the record when it is billed.

Chairman Noble asked for clarification on the excess funds from Medicare. Ms. Staves explained that the rate covers all services and currently the expenditures are lower than the revenues received.

Supervisor Rose asked about the overtime reported in administration. Ms. Staves reported that was incurred during a software transition and that the amount is minimal.

MOTION to accept the report by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. YIG approved unanimously.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law –

Supervisor Rose asked John Jansen, Director of the Department of Human Services, for an update on the resolution put forth by this committee to oppose the centralization by the State of Income Maintenance eligibility. Mr. Jansen reported that much work has been done educating and informing key people in the state about the affects of this change and put forth the Kenosha County position paper. He reported the County Executive was in Madison on this day and Wednesday, meeting with several legislators about the issue. He reported that Joint Finance will hear the proposal mid/late next week.

8. Committee Members Comments - None

9. Adjournment –

Supervisor Rose moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Gentz. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Eisenhauer  
Kenosha County Department of Human Services