

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
September 8, 2014
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Dayvin Hallmon, Mike Goebel, Greg Retzlaff, Anita Johnson, Erin Decker, Leah Blough, Breanna Ayers-YIG

Committee Members Absent: Julia Alberth-YIG (excused), David Arrington

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Cindy Johnson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dayvin Hallmon. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 8/4/14 (on tape at 1:03)

MOTION to approve minutes by Mike Goebel, seconded by Erin Decker. Youth in Governance voted for approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Stop, Look & Listen Project (on tape at 1:44)

Phone conference call with Megan Jekot. Committee members asked questions about the project and commended Megan for all of her work.

5. Health: Resolution to Modify the 2014 Budget for the Comprehensive Asthma Control Collaborative Grant Program (on tape at 26:04)

Cindy Johnson explained this asthma control grant they received from the CDC. They will hire 2 part-time people for this grant, who will be working with Kenosha Unified, the hospitals, and Kenosha Community Health Center.

MOTION by Mike Goebel, seconded by Anita Johnson to approve this \$75,500 grant. Youth in Governance voted for approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DHS 2014 Second Quarter Report (on tape at 45:15)

Laurie Staves stated that she will be giving the 3rd quarter report at the budget hearings. Through 6/30/14, excess levy is \$400,000, and they are projecting around \$1 million, including Brookside, by year end.

Because more people are gaining access to health care, DADS has seen a decrease in inpatient hospitalization and an increase in the State institutes, which is more costly. To deal with this problem, they will be proposing a mental health pilot program for psychiatric services in this area.

Greg Retzlaff stated that this is one of the issues we really need to address. We need to get services to these people.

Anita Johnson seconded that, adding that this is one of our biggest problems. We need to look at this problem as a community.

Mike Gallo suggested going to KABA to try to lure a psychiatric center to Kenosha.

John Jansen said that the State is well aware of the shortage of psychiatrists. Much discussion followed.

Mr. Retzlaff pointed out that we spend money on prevention for pregnancies; why not in mental health.

Ms. Staves stated that there are very few funding revenues for mental health programs. We can capture Medicaid dollars.

Mr. Jansen explained that the KARE Center takes people in crisis. The average stay is 3-4 days to stabilize the patient and get him back into the community and connected to services.

Ms. Staves thanked everyone for their passion in this issue.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law **(on tape at 1:25:27)**

John Jansen informed the members that they will be receiving the 2015 budget books on 10/7/14. He encouraged members to contact him or Ms .Staves with any questions they may have "prior" to the 10/22/14 Joint Budget Approval meeting. They will meet with them in person to answer their questions, or via e-mail, whichever they prefer.

7. Committee Members Comments **(on tape at 1:26:51)**

Dayvin Hallman requested that the Monthly Updates be continued.

9. Adjournment **(on tape at 1:28:30)**

It was moved to adjourn by Erin Decker, seconded by Anita Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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