

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
May 5, 2015
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Dayvin Hallmon, Mike Goebel, Greg Retzlaff, Leah Blough, Erin Decker, Anita Johnson, David Arrington

Committee Members Absent: Breanna Ayers and Julia Alberth-YIG (excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros, Jim Truchan, Chris Hribal

Others Present: Jack Rose, Byron Wright, Suprs Jeff Gentz & Kim Breunig

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mike Goebel, Vice Chair. Roll call was taken. Dayvin Hallmon and David Arrington arrived at 6:30, forgetting this meeting began at 5:30.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 4/6/15

MOTION to approve minutes by Erin Decker, seconded by Leah Blough. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Discussion of Mental Health Services in Kenosha

John Jansen laid out the plan for this presentation and introduced everyone who would be presenting. Handouts were distributed.

Jim Truchan stated that we serve about 3,100 people a year. At any one time, we have 300 people mandated under Chapter 51 care. Because people have BadgerCare now, St. Luke's Hospital is usually full, so we have to send people to the mental health institutes. 79 people were placed in residential care 14 years ago. We now have 51 placed. LaVerne Jaros acknowledged the shortage of psychiatrists and counselors. Chris Hribal spoke about the children's services, saying that CCS has been around for a long time. Jack Rose added that we have a really outstanding CCS program.

Byron Wright gave his presentation, informing everyone that there should be "1" psychiatrist for every 10,000 people in a county. We have "6". We are "10" short. Jack Rose stated that mental illness touches 1 in 4 of us. When asked what could be done to improve services, Jack Rose said he would like to see First Step Services become a center like Bridges, as this is a population not being served.

Jeff Gentz said he would like to see a community-based committee (regional planning committee) to work with everyone here to address these problems presented. LaVerne Jaros will take charge of this task.

5. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None
6. Committee Members Comments - None
7. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Anita Johnson, seconded by Leah Blough. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

F:Sharon/HSCmin 5-5-15