

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes of Meeting
August 6, 2019 @ 6:15 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Grady, Celebre, Rodrigues, Berg, Nudo and Maurer
Others Present: John Jansen, Mark Melotik, Supervisors Gaschke and O'Day

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Chairman Grady. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen's Comments-

None

3. Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments

Projected date for September meeting would be Tuesday, September 3, 2019 for next meeting at 6:15 pm.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on June 4, 2019 was made by Supervisor Nudo, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Presentation-Environmental Program Updates - Mark Melotik, Division of Health

Mark started his presentation with updating on beach sampling. Every year they seem to pick up more beaches throughout Kenosha County to sample. They gathered samples at 22 beaches this year. Sampling on Monday and Tuesday in case the beaches need to be retested. Communities like the information and this keeps communication lines open with all the small townships and villages. If there is E-coli found at a certain level then the beach will be closed and retested until they get a good sample. Townships and Villages will post it themselves if a beach is closed. Supervisor Nudo asked how long it normally takes to correct a problem. Mark stated about 2 days and the turnover in the water helps. Supervisor Grady wanted to know if it was just human fecal matter. Mark stated that geese and seagulls are a big problem also.

Investing in Kenosha-there has been a lot of growth in Kenosha in the last few years. Mark gave an overview of the places that are building additional stores or moving their business to a new location in Kenosha. Many Illinois chains are moving up to this area also. Hotel inspections are done for bed bugs, fire codes, any food operations, all the water sampling. They will be licensing Airbnb's in the future. Supervisor Maurer asked about the bedbugs. Mark stated that they check all campgrounds, hotels, motels and they have protocol in place to take care of problems.

Festivals-Inspectors are out for every event. Tall ships, Taste of WI, Country Thunder etc. Making sure the electric is working, that the water source is safe and making sure the food is safe while their operation is safe. State and local communities work together to make sure all the vendors are licensed.

Supervisor Grady asked if the summer was a busier season then. Mark stated that after the summer they have to go in to all the schools and the regular restaurants. No additional staff is hired for the summer. They just shift their focus. There are 5 full-time employees and 2 techs that do all the weights and measures. It runs efficiently and is all online.

Presentation was well received.

6. Committee Members Comments-None

7. Any other Business as Authorized by Law-Johns Jansen stated that Cindy Johnson, Director of the Division of Health will be retiring August 31, 2019. They will be looking to fill that position both internally and externally. It

is a Level 3 posting and will require a certain amount of education and experience. The posting will have the statutory language needed for a Level 3 local health department.

Supervisor Berg spoke with a representative from Rogers Behavioral Health and they have had some structural changes in Kenosha and removed the coordinator position with a COO and it looks like they are looking for growth here with building up their leadership.

8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)