

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 7, 2019 @ 6:15 pm  
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Grady, Supervisor Celebre, Supervisor Goebel and Supervisor Rodriguez, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor Nudo, Supervisor Maurer

Youth in Governance Present: Isabella Ricker, Chance Ciskowski

Staff Present: John Jansen, Tammy Capito, Ali Nelson

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

Supervisor Grady would like the June 4, 2019 meeting to start at 6:30 pm.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on March 5, 2019 was made by Supervisor Goebel, seconded by Supervisor Berg. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Resolution to approve the reappointment of John O'Day to the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Nudo, seconded by Supervisor Berg. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Resolution to approve the reappointment of Richard Willoughby to the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Celebre. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Human Services Year-End Financial Report – Tammy Capito

Tammy reported the 2018 DHS surplus was \$275,000 overall. We received some revenues at the end of the year that we were not expecting or more than we were expecting so that helped cover costs of health and liability insurance that were charged to us. All of the numbers given are unaudited and audited numbers are expected in August.

Individually-

- Aging and Disability had a surplus of \$800,000 due to a Medicaid payout and 2 year reimbursement of \$1.8 million.
- DCFS was over budget by \$835,000 due to \$750,000 in placements and the health and liability insurance.
- Health had a surplus of \$37,000.
- Medical Examiner had a surplus of \$82,000.
- Workforce development had a surplus of \$191,000.
- Veteran Services broke even.
- Brookside was over \$942,000 but had adopted a budget for a loss of \$1,739,381.

- Willowbrook was at a loss of \$205,000.

8. Presentation - Ali Nelson, Overview of the Division of Veteran Services

Ali, Division Director of Veterans Services, stated that Kenosha is very pro-active with veterans and this committee has done a great job supporting his office. Veterans Services is the smallest division of the Department of Human Services. Full-time employees include Jennifer Blasi, assistant CVSO, Oscar Rodriguez, Veterans Benefits Specialist/Veterans Treatment Court and Mayra Sheppard, Veterans Benefits Rep and Administrative Assistant. All full-time positions are military veterans. Staff had two administrative clerks. One is paid through the SER program and the other as an unpaid intern but the intern is now gone.

Overview of program-

- Extended office in Silver Lake and Trevor twice a month.
- Hosted third Veterans celebration in November 2018.
- National Conference-accreditation in June 2019. Two state conferences-accreditation.
- Hosting a pro bono will and power of attorney clinic with Tabak Law Firm.
- Hosted a Veterans Town Hall meeting March 2019.
- Jennifer enrolled in Living as a Leader Workshop.
- Budget-\$407,931 includes \$13,000 from WDVA-CVSO grant.
- Veterans and eligible dependents served-12,838.
- Combined total of federal and state dollars brought into the county in 2017 by veterans-\$92,524,548.
- 3,331 veterans received VA Health care.

Supervisor Grady asked about the # of Veterans who have been through treatment court have passed since its inception in 2012. Sometimes there are 2, sometimes there are 6. There are 2 graduations per year. Supervisor Grady would like the recidivism on this on the next agenda.

Supervisor Berg asked if there has been significant progress on Veterans homelessness. Ali stated that there were 15 tiny houses built in Racine and 50 are being built in Milwaukee.

The report was well received.

9. Committee Members Comments - Supervisor Berg stated there will be a resolution on the county board agenda asking Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to submit an application for a waiver from CMS of the Medicaid IMD exclusion to allow federal reimbursement of short term acute care and transition planning for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

10. Any Other Business as Authorized by  
None

11. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Supervisor Nudo, seconded by Supervisor Berg. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Duberstine  
Senior Administrative Assistant-Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)