

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2022 – 6:00 pm Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Gulley, Rose, Lewis, Beth and Decker

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Berg

YIG not Present: Kayla Mitchell, Arjun Kumar

Others Present: John Jansen, Dr. Jen Freiheit, Tammy Capito, Lynda Bogdala, Mark Melotik, Supervisor Pomaville, Carly Sowma, Jill Tatge-Rozell-Kenosha News, Robert Pitts, and Kenny Harper.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Belsky. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen's Comments-** None

3. **Chairman's / Committee members / Supervisors / YIG Comments-** Chairman Belsky announced that Kayla Mitchell was chosen as the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha Youth of the Year.

4. **Approval of Minutes-February 1, 2022 –** Motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 Human Services Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Beth, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Resolution for the appointment of Kenny Harper to serve on the Board of Health –** Dr. Freiheit introduced Kenny Harper. Kenny proceeded to let the committee know his background and why he wants to join and why he is a good fit for this appointment.

Motion to approve the appointment of Kenny Harper to the Board of Health was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution for the reappointment of Dominique Pritchett to serve on the Board of Health –** John Jansen introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Dr. Dominique Pritchett to the Board of Health was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Resolution for the reappointment of Terrance Warthen to serve on the Human Services Board -** John Jansen introduced the resolution.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Terrance Warthen to the Human Services Board was made by Supervisor Lewis, seconded by Supervisor Rose. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. **Amend Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County, to reflect changes in State Administrative Code ATCP 75, and to provide clear publication of fees in programs regulated by said ordinance.** Mark Melotik, Environmental Health manager introduced the resolution. This ordinance had to be updated for state statutes. They have now put the fee schedule on the Kenosha County website to be clearer and so it was easier to find. *A red line version of the ordinance was emailed to the committee.*

Chairman Belsky stated that it is a great improvement by having the fee schedule on the website and she likes the wording changes.

Supervisor Rose asked if there were no substance changed, just the wording. Yes, and the fee schedule is online now, not in the ordinance.

Supervisor Gulley asked if the fee schedule in ordinances does that mean that we don't have any say in the fees? The county board will be notified if there are changes due to the change in the budget.

Supervisor Beth asked if there was a schedule for licensing/inspection. Mark stated that they do everything at least once a year.

Motion to approve the ordinance resolution was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Decker. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **Brookside Care Center Financial & Occupancy Review– Lynda Bogdala and Tammy Capito.** Lynda introduced herself and stated that she had been asked to present to the HSC to provide an update on the contributing factors related to the census and the relevancy of Brookside in the future. There are 3 main factors to the decrease in census. 1- the pandemic, 2- state and federal regulations in relation to the pandemic and 3- the workforce crisis today.

Lynda showed a comparison of admissions. In 2019 there were over 800 admissions which would be the model year to compare as it was the first full year that Brookside was open after the remodel and before Covid. Supervisor Decker asked if admissions varied depending on the time of year? Lynda stated that it is not a predictable thing.

Every time a resident room was entered, they had to go in with full PPE. Lynda did the calculations that it was costing \$1.74 every time they entered a resident room.

Lynda showed a comparison on different nursing homes in Kenosha. We did really well with infection control. We are at 100% vaccination rate. We had many staff test positive even when fully vaccinated. Staffing is hard. During the pandemic 420,000 medical staff left the field. Brookside had to halt admissions due to staffing issues. There are 10-20 calls from Kenosha County residents asking for admissions. Brookside will not compromise their care. Brookside is working with Gateway Technical College for CNA training/classes which will be held at Brookside. They are posting nursing clinicals all the time. This is not an overnight fix.

Brookside is the best nursing home in the County and the State.

Tammy Capito stated that Brookside did have a \$3.4 million loss in 2021. The census mix at Brookside is private pay, Medicare and Medicaid. We make money with private pay and Medicare. We lose money with residents on Medicaid.

There is a new PDPM rate. We made \$86/day and the new rate is \$134/day.

Supervisor Decker asked if there was a crisis for CNA's? Lynda stated that nothing has changed for the medical field. Supervisor Gulley asked what the starting wage was for Kenosha County for CNA's? \$15.06

Bob Pitts, Chairman of the Brookside Board of Trustees stated that hospitals are trying to recruit our staff with bonuses and higher wages.

Chairman Belsky thanked Lynda and Tammy for making us understand.

Supervisor Decker asked if there was light on the horizon? Carly Sowma stated that they are partnering with KUSD and county high schools for CNA's.

10. **Any other business as authorized by law** – Due to election day on April 5, 2022 the Human Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

11. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Decker. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)