

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
July 21, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Kenosha County Job Center

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Gulley and Wienke

YIG Present: Armon Harris, Milica Maricac

Others Present: John Jansen and Dr. Jen Freiheit (both virtually)

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Belsky. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen's Comments**-Chairman Belsky read citizens comments from Crystal J. Miller and Tatajna Bacanin.

3. **Chairman's / Supervisor's Comments**-Chairman Belsky welcomed the two Youth in Governance, Millie and Armon. Both introduced themselves.

Item #5 has been moved to the next meeting on August 4, 2020 as it needed to be heard at the County Board meeting tonight.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on March 3, 2020. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to approve the appointment of Mr. Sharmain Harris to the Kenosha County Board of Health**-Tabled until next meeting as it has to go to the county board first.

6. **Resolution to approve the appointment of Mr. David Celebre to the Brookside Board of Trustees**-John Jansen introduced the resolution.

Supervisor Decker asked when the appointment came up. John Jansen believes it was January 2 but would have to look into that. Supervisor Decker asked if there was a reason that it has taken so long to appoint a new supervisor. She also asked if this was to replace Supervisor Nudo and if so, what was the reason for it happening- did Supervisor Nudo not want to continue serving on the Board of Trustees, and what was the reason for him not being reappointed. John Jansen could not answer the above questions.

Supervisor Celebre did state that he would be abstaining.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. David Celebre to the Brookside Board of Trustees was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. Supervisor Decker asked for a roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Beth, Gulley and Belsky

Nay: Supervisors Decker and Wienke

Abstain: Supervisor Celebre

YIG were asked and responded with Ayes.

Motion Carried.

7. **Resolution to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Rita Ventura to the Kenosha County Board of Health.**

John Jansen introduced the re-appointment of Dr. Rita Ventura. Dr. Ventura has been on the Board of Health for several years. She has been an active member and they have asked for her re-appointment. Her term would expire on February 4, 2025. This has already passed at the last Board of Health meeting.

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Rita Ventura to the Kenosha County Board of Health was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Decker. YIG voted Aye. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Supervisor Decker asked what her attendance record was. John Jansen stated she attended 18 out of 28 meetings. 9 of her absences were excused. The time she was unable to attend was due to her job keeping her away.

8. **Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 92 which amended Resolution No. 150 which created the Kenosha County Health Department, the Kenosha County Board of Health and the Kenosha County Health Office pursuant to Wis. Stat. 252 and certain agreements between the City of Kenosha and the County of Kenosha.**

When Dr. Jen Freiheit started, she noticed that the by-laws for the board of health were written before 1996 and referenced a statute that no longer existed and referenced many work products that the division of health was no longer doing. There is not a red line version as they started from scratch with the new statute 251 and the rules that govern board of health's from the state. With the board and corporation counsel they went through the current bylaws to use basic practices of Roberts Rules of order and aligned with the state for a board with 9 members and social determinants of health model which is a much more modern model of boards of health. Pretty simple review process and agreed upon the changes.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Celebre.

Supervisor Decker stated that she asked for the red line version so she would be able to compare what changes had been made and asked what has been changed specifically.

Dr. Freiheit responded that a move from the old ordinance from an 8-member board to 9-member board. There was not a side by side comparison but what was still valuable and pertinent and what are the best practice models throughout the country.

Supervisor Decker does not really see what has changed besides the number of members on the board which is why she asked for the red line version.

Supervisor Gulley also would like to have clarification on what had changed.

Dr. Freiheit went through changes on different pages. (A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)

A motion was made by Chairman Belsky to postpone the resolution until the August 4th meeting to allow more time to do comparisons since these are by-laws that are looking to be approved and it has to do with state statute that doing a comparison would give supervisors a better understanding of what has changed. Supervisor Decker seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. **Resolution Expressing Kenosha County's Commitment to Achieving Racial Equity and Transforming Systems and Institutions Impacting the Health of Our Community.**

Chairman Belsky read a statement highlighting the importance of the resolution before the committee. She also asked for a quarterly update at the HSC meetings.

Dr. Freiheit introduced the resolution expressing how racism impacts people's health.

Supervisor Decker read through each portion of the resolution. Chairman Belsky asked if she was asking for amendments in the resolution. Supervisor Decker responded no. (A recording of the meeting minutes is available online) Supervisor Decker will not support this resolution based on the wording that is in there now.

Supervisors Berg, Gulley and Celebre each spoke on why they would be supporting this resolution.

Supervisor Wienke spoke on why he could not support this resolution.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Berg. Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Supervisors Berg, Gulley, Celebre, Beth and Belsky.

Nays: Supervisors Decker and Wienke.

YIG were asked and responded with ayes.

Motion Carried.

10. **Any other business as authorized by law**

11. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Celebre, seconded by Supervisor Berg. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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