

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
August 3, 2021- 5:30 pm Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Excused: Supervisors Berg and Belsky

YIG Present: Arjun Kumar, Kayla Mitchell

Others Present: John Jansen, Rebecca Dutter, Supervisor Pomaville and Dr. Dominique Pritchett

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Supervisor Rose. Roll call was taken.

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

3. **Chairman's / Committee members / Supervisors / YIG Comments-** none

4. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on July 13, 2021 was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to Approve the appointment of Dr. Dominique Pritchett to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health** - John Jansen introduced the resolution.

Supervisor Decker asked Dr. Pritchett why she would like to be on the board, what do you want to give to the board?

Dr. Pritchett responded that she is a licensed therapist. She grew up in Kenosha and being the only person on the board of Health with a behavioral health background, she will be able to assist in addressing and understanding community wide issues related to behavioral health.

Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Dominique Pritchett to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Presentation-Substance Abuse in Kenosha County** - Rebecca Dutter – Director, Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Services. John Jansen introduced the presentation as Supervisor Beth had emailed in questions and although we could not answer all the questions Rebecca Dutter prepared a power point presentation which was emailed to the committee prior to the meeting.

Rebecca went over statistics of Kenosha County. Most of opioid overdoses is due to a misuse of prescriptions. The average age of overdoses is 40-60 years old. Opioids are highly addictive. Alcohol remains to be the biggest problem.

Supervisor Decker asked if Kenosha County has a big problem with methamphetamines? Rebecca stated that we do not see a lot around here.

Kenosha County is rich in programs. Rebecca went over the different programs.

Kayla Mitchell asked what the success rate for these programs are. Rebecca stated that she can get that information, but many people enter these programs numerous times.

Opioid Task Force-The Sheriff's Department asked for information on fentanyl as it is so deadly. They were provided just a small piece of paper that they can give out to anyone. There are also fentanyl testing strips. There are simple proactive effective steps that are very helpful.

Human Services on the Go is visiting different areas in Kenosha County doing Narcan training, share information about substance treatment and no fee counseling as well as Covid-19 vaccinations.

The presentation was well received. *Audio minutes are available online.*

7. **The Homelessness and Food Security Quarterly Report** – Supervisor Sharon Pomaville. Supervisor Pomaville had sent out information which she presented.

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8. **Any other business as authorized by law** – John Jansen stated that the plan for the next Human Services Committee will be a joint meeting with Public Works/Facilities Committee to discuss the Job Center building and the work that needs to be done or alternatives that would be available.
9. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Decker. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Duberstine, Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)