

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, February 13, 2017  
Ives Grove Office Complex - Auditorium  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

**HHD Present:** Kay Buske, Robert N. Miller, Donnie Snow (5:38), Pamela Zenner-Richards

**HSB Present:** Kay Buske, Brenda Danculovich, Elizabeth Falk, Kiana Harden-Johnson, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Ronald Molnar

**YIG Representatives:** Present: Olivia Spaight      Excused: Disheka Moore

**Excused:** Rich Chiapete, Mike Dawson, Brett Nielsen, Luann Simpson

**Staff Present:** Liam Doherty, Katie Kasprzak, Mark Mundl, Jeff Neubauer, Hope Otto

**Call to Order**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present at 5:38 p.m.

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance (YIG) Statement**

Ms. Spaight read the Youth In Governance Statement.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Recognize Mark and Heather Lojeski**

Kerry Milkie brought this item to Ms. Otto's attention. Ms. Otto asked if a card or letter could be prepared on behalf of the committee to recognize the work Mr. and Mrs. Lojeski have done for Racine County. They provided gifts to all Kinship Care on the waitlist. They gave presents to over 100 kids in secure care, Juvenile Detention ACE program, and baked cookies for the kids between November and December. They did all of this out of the kindness of their hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lojeski also coordinate the school bag program for foster children.

It was agreed the members would sign a card and have it sent with a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lojeski.

**Workforce Solutions Update and GED Initiative**

Ms. Otto explained there are 15,000 people in Racine County without a GED. Without addressing that statistic, the unemployment rate will not be lowered. The GED attainment has been the sole priority.

Mr. Mundl recognized and thanked Chairwoman Danculovich who attended at the Rapid Response effort for Promotions Unlimited. She informed the employees how to access insurance, etc. A Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 with over a dozen businesses in attendance to help Promotions Unlimited people back on their feet quickly.

Mr. Mundl presented the Racine County GED Initiative and demographics of individuals who do not have their GED.

Mr. Molnar requested the number of people in each of the four categories within the Labor Force Participation Rate by Education Level. Knowing the number will help determine the what is needed for resources and how big of a problem it is.

Ms. Falk asked for the aging population with less than a high school diploma.

Ms. Kasprzak reported the goal for 2017 is for 100 people to receive their GED. She explained the lengthy GED attainment process. The only cost is the actual exam and there are programs available to cover that cost.

Ms. Kasprzak reported the 2016 Workforce Solutions customer GED attainment data.

GED marketing efforts include; a fair, a phone hotline, a referral form, referral to services and programs within Workforce Solutions, a universal release of information form, fliers distributed throughout the community, an information video that will play at the Sturtevant DMV, provide GED services at other agencies, GTC and the County are working together to cover the cost of the exam to remove the financial barrier for people. The WIOA, W-2, and FSET programs provide child care coverage that removes that barrier as well.

Ms. Otto distributed sample Workforce Solutions program fact sheets that will be used for marketing, HSD's New Employee Orientation, etc. to simplify our services in a user-friendly format.

### **Highlights of Governor's Budget Address**

Ms. Otto distributed a copy of the Governor's proposed budget and highlighted the area's that will have the most direct impact on HSD's service delivery as well as potential budgetary considerations for 2018.

### **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2016-125 By Individual Supervisors Requesting Adequate Funding From The State And Federal Government For Medicare And Medicaid Reimbursement To Skilled Nursing Facilities**

Chairman Miller referenced the Governor's Budget and the critical challenge of the reimbursement rate for nursing homes. He asked the committee and the Human Services Board to endorse the resolution and forward to the County Board.

The committee and board were also asked to strike the reference of president elect if there was no objection. There was no objection.

Committee: Sup. Snow moved to support Res 2016-125 and recommend its approval to the full County Board. Sup. Zenner-Richards seconded. Passed unanimously YIG Spaight voting yes.

Board: Ms. Danculovich moved to endorse Res 2016-125 and recommend its approval to the full County Board. Mr. Molnar seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Human Services Department Division Snapshot**

Ms. Otto reported the division updates.

## **Behavioral Health Services Update**

A feasibility study is being done to determine the future location of the Behavioral Health Services Clinic. The conditional use permit with the City expires at the end of April.

## **Ridgewood Update**

Mr. Doherty reported today's Census was 168, Medicare 31, Medicaid 107, and Private Pay 30.

There is a decline now in Medicaid as the result of deaths.

There is a higher acuity for Medicare in the rehab area.

There are higher levels of dementia that is causing a strain on staff.

There was one elopement, the resident was located quickly and unharmed.

The State arrived January 3, 2017. The survey went very well with only six low level D clinical citations and one maintenance citation. One of the citations was for the elopement. That citing was for not informing the entire facility they were missing a resident which is not following proper policy and procedure.

Mr. Doherty complimented his staff and what they've done over the last fifteen months since the last survey. He thanked Human Services Director Ms. Otto, County Executive Delagrave, and the board for their support over the last thirteen months.

The committee and board members were invited to join the residents March 8, 2017 when Olive Garden comes in to serve residents dinner.

## **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2016 Health and Human Development Committee and Human Services Board**

Committee: Sup. Snow moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Zenner-Richards seconded. Passed unanimously with YIG Spaight voting yes.

Board: Mr. Molnar moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Falk seconded. Passed unanimously.

## **Correspondence and Other Business**

Sup. Miller requested a GED update at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting Date – Monday, March 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, Auditorium**

## **Adjournment**

Committee: Sup. Zenner-Richards moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Sup. Buske seconded. Passed unanimously.

Board: Ms. Lange-Pruitt moved to adjourn. Ms. Falk seconded. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**Distributions**

- Racine County GED Initiative PowerPoint
- Racine County Human Services Department Division Statistics
- Ridgewood Census

**Action Items**

- Provide additional GED data -the number of people in each of the four categories within the Labor Force Participation Rate by Education Level and aging population with less than a high school diploma.
- GED update at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel