

RACINE COUNTY
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, September 12, 2016
Ives Grove Office Complex - Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Present: Katherine Buske, Rich Chiapete, Brenda Danculovich, Mike Dawson, Betsy Falk, Robert N. Miller, Brett Nielsen, Luann Simpson, Donnie Snow, Pamela Zenner-Richards

Youth in Governance Representatives: Disheka Moore

Excused: Kiana Harden-Johnson, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Ronald Molnar, Olivia Spaight

Staff Present: Liam Doherty

Others Present: Margaret Gesner, Central Racine County Health Department
Joanie Williams

Call to Order

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Chairman Miller read the Youth In Governance Statement.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Joanie Williams informed the committee that she volunteers and does a lot of advocacy for homeless people in the city. She expressed her concern regarding a gentleman she is helping and asked the committee for assistance. She complimented the Behavioral Health Services Clinic.

Ms. Otto indicated that without further information about the particular case she couldn't comment. She did explain there is a delay in terms of counseling appointments that don't have an immediate need and medication assistance is top priority. Ms. Otto will follow-up with BHS. Ms. Williams will receive contact information as an advocate, however not specific regarding this case.

Approval of Minutes of February 29, 2016 Joint Executive Committee and Health and Human Development Committee, Minutes of March 14, 2016 Health and Human Development Committee and Human Services Board, Minutes of July 11, 2016 Joint Executive Committee and Health and Human Development Committee, and Minutes of July 25, 2016 Health and Human Development Committee and Human Services Board Meeting

Sup. Zenner-Richards motioned to approve all minutes as submitted. Sup. Buske seconded.

Motion carried.

Central Racine County Health Department Update

Ms. Otto introduced Margaret Gesner, Public Health Officer, Central Racine County Health Department.

The health department partners with the County and other organizations on a couple of home visiting programs and other agencies on the Racine County Home Visiting Network. The health department would like to partner with the County and United Way of Racine County on a program called Family Connect.

Ms. Gesner distributed the Heckman Curve titled Early Childhood Development Is a Smart Investment and explained what the curve shows.

Family Connect would be a pilot project based on a model out of Durham, North Carolina. The project is exclusively nurse based intended to be universal and short term home visiting to all families with newborns. Ms. Gesner listed the goals of the program and described how the program would be implemented.

Mr. Doherty complimented Ms. Gesner and the Racine County Central Health Department and expressed what a great asset they've been to Ridgewood.

Human Services Department Division Snapshot

Ms. Otto distributed the report for review and comment. The transportation grid did not include all of the information; that will be e-mailed to the committee. Discussion ensued.

Part of the Workforce Solutions initiative is to address the very large number of individuals who do not have a GED in the county which is 9,000 and 7,000 in the city respectively. A supervisor oversees GED recruitment and there will be an outreach coordinator. That position is currently being recruited. The position will be a community based model to engage with people, to share information, provide resources, and show them employment prospects after GED attainment. Workforce Solutions is working very closely with Gateway as they provide GED instruction, they are also working with Higher Expectations, and RUSD. A3 meetings are held regularly; they go in to route cause analysis looking at why people do not take the GED, when they do take it why they aren't completing, and figure out ways to bring in more people. Steve Musenden from Literacy Council is involved with the A3 group.

Last year only 30 GEDs were attained and prior to switching to the computer based model there were closer to 200 – 300. She indicated part of that may be fear in taking the test and also needing an outreach portion to stress the importance.

Ms. Moore indicated that she works at the Literacy Council and they are focused on GED attainment.

Sup. Snow explained that some of the community centers used to offer GED programs and GTC provided the instruction. The King Center had 25-30 graduates per year. Funding ended so those programs ended and as a result the attainment numbers may have gone down.

Mr. Chiapete complimented Ms. Otto on the ACE program. Other counties recognize the program and explore those options. He said it's nice to see how far the program has come.

Nomination and Approval of Human Services Board Chairperson

Ms. Otto explained why the board and the committee separated. She will work with Corporation Counsel in order to have a better appreciation of what the two entities will entail. The Human Services Board is responsible for helping Ms. Otto and developing her budget. She asked the

board members how often they want to meet and asked if they want to meet with the Health and Human Development Committee.

The board agreed to continue meeting with the Health and Human Development Committee. They will meet with Ms. Otto separately when needed. Ms. Otto proposed that Chairman Miller continue to chair the joint meetings.

Sup. Snow asked if it's appropriate for Chairman Miller to chair both committees. Chairman Miller clarified he would chair only the joint committees. Ms. Otto will get clarification from Corporation Counsel. Ms. Simpson suggested the chairman of the board and the chairman of the committee co-chair joint meetings. Chairman Miller said it would be appropriate for the Human Services Board to have a chair for the times they meet separate from the Health and Human Development Committee. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Chiapete nominated Brenda Danculovich as Human Services Board chairperson. Ms. Buske seconded.

Ms. Simpson moved to close all nominations. Ms. Falk seconded. The board agreed unanimously.

The board voted to approve the nomination of Brenda Danculovich as Human Services Board chair. The board agreed unanimously. **Motion carried.**

Behavioral Health Services Update

The state is auditing the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program. Racine County has not been audited yet for 2016. There were a few findings in the 2015 audit. The other counties who have had a full blown audit for 2016 have had 100% findings that has resulted in very large recoupments. Racine County is being very diligent in going through notes and claims to assure everything is legitimate and protocol has been met. This process has paused the billing process. Billing can be done up to one year.

The Alternatives to Incarceration Program is now being run by Racine County and has been renamed Racine County Alternatives Program (RCAP) and is partnering close with the Sheriff's Department to run the Day Reporting portion of the program. There will be an update by the next meeting who will run that portion of the program. Currently there are fifteen enrolled with the Day Reporting Program.

BHS is also piloting a THC class. Individuals pay \$350 to enroll in the program and go through the Fresh Start Program. The program helps young first-time offenders with addiction and recovery. If they pay and successfully complete the course their charge is dismissed.

Ridgewood Update

Mr. Doherty reported today's Census was 166, Medicaid 116, Medicare 24 and Private Pay 26.

There has been a shortage in nursing applications, however this weekend three RNs and one LPN applied.

Class orientation started for new hires that included five CNAs, one MDS coordinator so they are fully staffed there, and one LPN. Plan to move forward with in-house job fair in October.

The Car Show is September 21, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Crazy Kenny will DJ 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Elvis is scheduled 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Senior Home Coming is October 19, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Continue to communicate with staff and family members with regard to Ridgewood updates.

The Rummage Sale was successful and what is not sold is held for residents when needed.

Correspondence and Other Business

Ms. Simpson announced that October 2- 8 is Mental Illness Awareness week. October 3 is Go Green Monday, people are asked to wear lime green. Ms. Simpson asked for this committee's support and asked the members to be involved with the Candlelight Vigil. The vigil is scheduled for Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. starting at the Friendship Clubhouse and this year will include the Dennis Kornwolf Service Center where County Executive Delagrave will speak. Ms. Simpson asked County Board members, County staff, and Human Services staff to join the vigil. Chairman Miller asked Ms. Simpson to send the details to Kim Bartel who will forward to the full County Board.

Next Meeting Date – Joint Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board, Monday, October 10, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, Auditorium

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Action Items

- Send transportation data, grids/charts to committee members.
- Ms. Otto to ask Corporation Counsel if Chairman Miller can chair the joint HHD/HSB meetings.
- Send the Candlelight Vigil information to the County Board, HSB and HHD members.

Distributions

- Heckman Curve - Early Childhood Development Is a Smart Investment
- Public Health Matters Brochure
- Public Health 2015 Annual Report Highlights Brochure
- Racine County Human Services 2017 Budget Priorities – Timetable dated 7/8/16
- Ridgewood Monthly Census

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel