

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, April 9, 2018
Ives Grove Office Complex – Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Kay Buske, Robert Miller, Brett Nielsen, Donnie Snow

HSB Present: Kay Buske, Elizabeth Falk, Adam Graf, Kiana Harden-Johnson,
Susan Lange-Pruitt, Ronald Molnar, Brett Nielsen

YIG: Meghan Flynn

Excused: Mike Dawson, Katie Fruth, Pamela Zenner-Richards

Staff Present: Steve Bedwell, Brenda Danculovich, Kerry Milkie, Hope Otto, Curt Pruitt

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Ms. Flynn read the Youth In Governance Statement.

Public Comment Period Not to Exceed Fifteen (15) Minutes (Each Speaker Shall Be Allotted a Maximum of Three (3) Minutes). The Speaker Shall Speak on Any Topic.

There were no citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board.

Sup. Molnar moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

Motion passed.

Ms. Buske moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

Motion passed.

YIG: Ms. Flynn – Aye

The minutes were approved.

Report No. 2017-41 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Housing Authority of Racine County (Fritz Cape)

Sup. Buske moved to approve the reappointment of Fritz Cape to the Housing Authority. Sup. Snow seconded.

YIG: Ms. Flynn – Aye

Motion passed.

Report No. 2017-44 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Kiana Harden-Johnson)

Sup. Snow moved to approve the appointment of Kiana Harden-Johnson to the Human Services Board. Sup. Buske seconded.

YIG: Ms. Flynn – Aye

Motion passed.

Safety Support and Alternative Response Training

Director Otto explained the restructure of Child Protective Services and introduced Steve Bedwell, Access and Initial Assessment Supervisor.

Mr. Bedwell referenced the Child Protective Services and Alternative Response Report and described Child Protective Services' (CPS) process when they receive a report of child abuse or neglect. Historically there has been one option, a traditional response. A second option became available June 1, 2016 when CPS joined a state pilot program entitled Alternative Response. Alternative response includes more involvement and partnership with families and may avoid a family's involvement in the court system. Families are provided with resources and referred to other services. Results have been very positive.

The Safety Support Program allows more planning with the family and allows children to stay in their home instead of having to move them into foster care or with a relative.

Budget Priorities Update

Director Otto reported highlights.

Discussion ensued and the report will be updated to reflect members' recommendations.

Director Otto explained that Employer Listening Sessions are scheduled and employers are being asked what their base requirements are of candidates. They'll be asked if they prefer the HSED or GED and if it's HSED that will be added to the current program.

Correspondence and Other Business

Behavioral Health Services received a grant that expands on the Comprehensive Community Services Program (CCS) with Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy. It's an evidence based practice serving youth between the ages of 9 to 26. It's a family systems approach. The first consumer enrolled in March and that will be scaled up in addition to other youth services within CCS.

A new case management strategy will begin in the Workforce Solutions Division, with the adoption of an intensive case management model. This will move from a larger case load to a smaller case load of between 15 – 20, and will take a holistic approach from pre-employment and specialized training, to post employment with a success coach remaining with the customer. This is very much like the family approaches used in the Advancing Family Assets Program (AFA).

The Uplift 900 Project Manager, Melvin Hargrove, has been hired.

A Specialized Training Supervisor, Katie Kasprzak, will also be added. She'll work closely with GTC and WRTP to help reach the goal of 900 successfully employed Racine residents.

Director Otto referenced a Journal Sentinel article about Foxconn and the author's comments.

Chairman Miller stated that Kiana Harden-Johnson will now be a citizen member of the Human Services Board and that Pamela Zenner-Richards, Sup. Snow, Sup. Molnar will no longer be on the committee. Chairman Miller thanked them for their participation and involvement, told them they'd be missed, and they're welcome to return.

Next Meeting Date – May 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, Auditorium

Adjournment

Ms. Lange-Pruitt moved to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Sup. Buske seconded.

Sup. Snow moved to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Action Items

- Update the Budget Priorities Report:
 - o Pg 2 – add a box to define the entities, to provide more clarity.
 - o Pg 4 – add the goal
 - o Pg 6 – include number of shots
 - o Pg 8 – breakdown of individuals ready to graduate
 - o Pg 8 – breakdown of HSED vs. GED
 - o Pg 9 – the word Education will be removed from the title of this goal
Include individual courses.
- Report back how many people complete an HSED compared to a GED.
- Ask employers if they prefer HSED or GED. If necessary, update the current program to meet that need.

Distributions

- Report No. 2017-41 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Housing Authority of Racine County (Fritz Cape)
- Report No. 2017-44 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Kiana Harden-Johnson)
- Child Protective Services & Alternative Response
- Safety Support Program & In-Home Safety Services
- Human Services Budget Priorities – March 2018

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel