

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, April 8, 2019  
Ives Grove Office Complex – Auditorium  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

**HHD Present:** Kay Buske, Scott Maier, Robert Miller, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

**HSB Present:** Adam Graf, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

**YIG:** Molly Brown, Ethan Evans

**Excused:** Elizabeth Falk, Eric Hillery

**Staff Present:** Brenda Danculovich, Travis Richardson, Zachary Zdroik

**Call to Order**

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

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement**

There were no chairman comments. The YIG statement was not read because there weren't any public in attendance.

**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 comments.

**Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board and Minutes of February 26, 2019 Racine County Health and Human Development Committee**

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

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

**Motion carried.**

**Report No. 2018-53 Report by the County Executive Making Appointments to the Commission on Aging Board (Sue Beres, Kim Hess)**

Sup. Miller moved to approve the appointment. Sup. Buske seconded.

Sup. Miller asked that the County Executive's Office include more biographical information for individuals being appointed.

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

**Motion carried.**

## **Report No. 2018-56 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Susan Lange-Pruitt)**

Sup. Trottier moved to approve. Sup. Buske seconded.

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

**Motion carried.**

### **Veterans Services**

Veterans Service Officer Zdroik reported the services provided by Racine County Veterans Service office.

Racine is hosting the County Veterans Service Officer Conference at the Delta Hotel this week. There are approximately 60 people in attendance. The conference is required twice a year to remain accredited with the VA (Veterans Affairs).

### **Workforce Solutions Update**

Mr. Richardson described the current process people go through to earn their high school equivalency diploma (HSED). The 5.09 Program, a partnership between Racine County, the YWCA, and Gateway Technical College, can be completed in 20 weeks. There are employability and health and wellness parts built in. Eighteen people signed up in March which is full capacity. Soon the program will be reduced to 15 weeks and an employment piece will be added. That piece will be more specific to career pathways and will include mock interviews to connect people with business. This program will be amped up and will be more of a launching pad into careers.

The Short-Term Training Grant is through the US Department of Labor. It works with people in prison who are soon to be released. The training provides an industry recognized credential through short-term training and helps individuals get employment. They'll have either work release or employment waiting for them when released. Of the ten trainees from the Sturtevant Transitional Facility, all ten are employed in manufacturing industrial maintenance. This is an in-demand, high wage career.

Fast Forward is a grant through Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The grant was awarded to Workforce Solutions, RAMAC, and the City of Racine to train approximately 400 local individuals in short-term flexible customized trainings. Three cohorts graduate in April, so that'll add about 30 more graduates to the training numbers. Some of the training is in hospitality, electrical assembly, carpentry, and building trades. By the end of 2020 there will be roughly 400 people trained and employed.

The unemployment rate is still fairly low and businesses are really struggling to find people. That makes it difficult to get people to attend job fairs. A job fair was held March 6 at Fountain Banquet Hall in Sturtevant. There were 75 employers and half of those were East end. There were 528 job seekers and more than half of those were from the City of Racine. Employers had positive feedback saying almost all the candidates came with a resume, excellent turnout, and this was the best job fair yet. The next JobFest is scheduled for June 14 at 21<sup>st</sup> Century Prep.

### **SRCCCY Update**

Interim Deputy Director Danculovich reported that Racine County submitted its letter of interest to the State last week. The County Executive's Advisory Committee meets again this week. The purpose is to solicit input from county board members and members of the community for what an SRCCCY should look like and what needs to be done to enhance services we're already providing. No further action can be taken with regard to the application until the State issues an RFP. Six counties submitted letters of interest: La Crosse, Green Bay,

Dane, a Native American tribe up north, Racine, and Milwaukee. Most, except for Milwaukee, are looking at remodels.

### **Budget Priorities Update**

Ms. Danculovich reported highlights.

### **Correspondence and Other Business**

The next meeting will be the last one for YIG members.

**Next Meeting Date** – May 13, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, 14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant

### **Adjournment**

Sup. Miller motioned to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Sup. Buske seconded.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.**

### **Distributions**

- Report No. 2018-53 Report by the County Executive Making Appointments to the Commission on Aging Board (Sue Beres, Kim Hess)
- Report No. 2018-56 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Susan Lange-Pruitt)
- Racine County Veterans Services Report
- Human Services Budget Priorities – March 2019

### **Action**

- Request more biographical information for future committee appointments.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel