

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, May 13, 2019
Ives Grove Office Complex – Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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

HSB Present: Elizabeth Falk, Eric Hillery, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

YIG: Molly Brown, Ethan Evans

Excused: Adam Graf

Staff Present: Claribel Camacho, Brenda Danculovich, Jonathan Delagrave, Ed Kamin, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Curt Pruitt, Amberlyn Yohn

Others Present: Marissa Bray, Diya Mehra

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Ms. Brown read the YIG 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 comments.

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

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

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

Motion carried.

Report No. 2018-58 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment of the Housing Authority of Racine County (Claude Caldwell)

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation for Claude Caldwell to the County Board. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

Motion carried.

Report No. 2018-59 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Elizabeth Falk)

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation of Elizabeth Falk to the County Board. Sup. Buske seconded.

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

Motion carried.

Report No. 2018-60 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission (Al Winter)

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation of Al Winter to the County Board. Sup. Buske seconded.

YIG: Brown – Aye Evans – Aye

Motion carried.

Racine County Diversity Initiative

Director Otto referenced the Racine County Diversity Initiative project charter handout and said the initiative will hopefully be sponsored by the Human Services Department in partnership with the Executive Office, and Human Resources. The County Executive asked department heads to look at what legacy projects they'd like to define for their respective areas and select three to five to explore working with the project manager to develop charters. They are in the exploration phase of this charter. They are looking at disparities that exist in Racine County particularly in the city of Racine. The Uplift 900 Project initiative is an example of this. There are inequities that exist and areas we want to make sure our programming is addressing in an effective manner. We want to have a baseline understanding of how we can address the issues, how to bring them through executive leadership, and how we can carry that strategy across county government. The group is attending a training in Raleigh Durham in the next week to learn more about race and equity and how it can be incorporated into government programming. Following the training, the charter will be refined to address this. One impetus to this is the USA Today article indicating that the area between Milwaukee and Racine is identified as the fourth and fifth worst area for African Americans. When looking at a regional attraction plan and strategy, we want to be aware of our reputation, how to counter message that, and be a more desirable place to attract a diverse workforce.

Create Additional ESS Supervisor Position

Interim Deputy Director Danculovich explained that this is information for the Committee, and that the department would be submitting a resolution requesting the creation of an additional Economic Support Supervisor. Another supervisor will retire soon and we will cross train with that supervisor before she leaves. The additional position, however, will also address the capacity of credentialed childcare providers. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in many years. As a result, many more families are working, and more are in need of childcare. The number of credentialed childcare providers has diminished greatly. Addressing this capacity issue is one responsibility of the new supervisor position, the goal of which is to provide more outreach to potential providers and families needing quality childcare service.

Interim Deputy Director Danculovich introduced Amberlyn Yohn, ESS Supervisor of Fraud, and Claribel Camacho, Manager of Economic Support Services. Discussion ensued.

SRCCCY Update

Director Otto reported that Sup. Miller, Sup. Demske, and Chairman Maier serve on the Youth Justice Advisory Committee. She distributed the committee's feedback and read through the highlights. The next meeting is scheduled in a couple of weeks to finalize recommendations that will be brought forth to the County Board.

Superintendent Kamin reported that the grant committee has met three times to determine what will be done in Racine County and to get the application moving. The committee meets again next Monday to finalize the draft grant application. The WCA has gone through the application and prepared a document that went to the grant committee. The Department of Corrections website has ACT185, the study committee, and the grant committee information with a lot of supporting documentation on its website if anyone would like to review it. It's anticipated the grant application will be due June 30. Racine County will submit the application by the deadline.

Workforce Update

Deputy Director Latus provided an update of work that's been done with Manpower to help build a Workforce Strategy. The report will be done by mid-June. Focus groups have been held with non-profit and for-profit organizations, targeted employers, executive level leaders, and faith groups to share information and ask for their input regarding barriers and solutions. A Faith Forum was held in December and that group will be brought back to discuss solutions and partnerships. Strategies will be built around future employment.

The next Job Fest is scheduled for June 14. Sup. Trottier referenced the previous Job Fests and asked if follow-up is done with job seekers to find out how many were hired. Director Otto and Deputy Director Latus explained how that's difficult. It has been confirmed fifty were hired as a result of the two Job Fests. Twenty of those were hired at the Job Fest.

Budget Priorities Update

Director Otto reported highlights. She explained that on page 16 the wage data includes Children First. When that is carved out the average wage of \$14-\$15 goes up to \$18-\$19 an hour. Racine is applying for a five county best practice demonstration project that both Brown County and Kenosha County have in place. They report having experienced considerable success at placing non-custodial parents in higher wage jobs and training. The program has comprehensive, intensive wrap-around support services that includes paying for transportation and childcare until individuals can move into the next phase of training or education. Racine expects to see the same success that will move those numbers.

Correspondence and Other Business

Chairman Maier thanked Mr. Evans and Ms. Brown for their participation, tonight is their last meeting.

The new Youth In Governance representatives, Diya Mehra and Marissa Bray, introduced themselves.

Next Meeting Date – June 10, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, 14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant

Adjournment

Sup. Buske motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Sup. Trottier seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Distributions

- Report No. 2018-58 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment of the Housing Authority of Racine County (Claude Caldwell)
- Report No. 2018-59 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Human Services Board (Elizabeth Falk)
- Report No. 2018-60 Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission (Al Winter)
- Racine County Diversity Initiative
- Youth Justice Advisory Committee Feedback
- Health & Human Services Board – Kristin Latus, Deputy Director May 13, 2019
- Human Services Budget Priorities – April 2019

Action

- Update Budget Priorities Report
 - o Pg 3 - Sup. Trottier asked why there was such a huge jump from March to April. Director Otto will report back.
 - o Pg 9 - Correct the year, it should be 2019

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel