

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, September 9, 2019
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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

HSB Present: Elizabeth Falk, Adam Graf, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

YIG Representatives: Marissa Bray, Diya Mehra

Staff Present: Kristin Latus, Travis Richardson

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Chairman Maier informed members that Sup. Eric Hillery's position will remain vacant for now. If a quorum is needed Chairman Clarke or Chairman Cooke will attend. Chairman Maier thanked Sup. Hillery for his attendance and input on this committee, said he would be missed and wished him well on his new endeavor.

Public Comment Period

There were no public present.

Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

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

Ms. Falk moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Graf seconded.

YIG: Ms. Bray – Aye

Motion carried.

Human Services 2018 Annual Report

The final report was distributed. Deputy Director Latus said Director Otto will do a comprehensive overview with the County Board tomorrow night. Travis Richardson designed the report and designed the Community Workforce Report.

SRCCCY Update

Deputy Director Latus reported that on August 19 Racine County representatives, including County Executive Delagrave, Director Otto, Superintendent Kamin, Brenda Danculovich, and Michael Lanzdorf, did a formal presentation to the State Grant Committee in Madison on Racine County's SRCCCY plan, explaining why the SRCCCY should be in Racine County and Racine's programming outcomes for youth justice. The Grant Committee must make a recommendation to the Joint Finance Committee by October 1. Brown, Dane, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties submitted applications. Milwaukee is guaranteed, so it will be between Brown, Dane, and Racine. Dane is looking to upgrade a current facility as opposed to building a new facility. Racine and Brown are looking to build new. We anticipate the State will issue a decision by the end of October. Project Manager, Liam Doherty, is working with Founders Three to secure a site; that hasn't yet been resolved.

Discussion ensued.

Workforce Update

Workforce Manager Richardson provided an update on the Commute to Careers Grant received through the Department of Workforce Development.

Sup. Miller asked if Uber or Lyft have been asked if they'd be interested in doing something special with Racine County. Mr. Richardson said it should be discussed moving forward. Ms. Latus added that the Workforce Solutions Division will continue to look for creative solutions for transportation.

Sup. Trottier asked how the program is being promoted to the public. Mr. Richardson said there have been listening sessions with businesses. Sup. Trottier suggested networking and sharing with the upcoming RAMAC Business Blender. Ms. Latus will speak with Matt Montemurro to get on the mailing list. Ms. Bray asked if this information has been advertised at the Job Fairs. Mr. Richardson explained that at the latest Job Fest at Julian Thomas we designated individuals on the bus line and businesses on the bus line. We talked about Commute to Careers as well, so if they had someone interested in a job but couldn't get there, the company could hand the Commute to Careers application to the prospective applicant.

Sup. Miller suggested another way to communicate by creating and distributing pop-cards or business cards.

Mr. Richardson reported the last Job Fest numbers: 277 attendees and 19 business and 22 service organizations. The average business anticipated interviewing 22 individuals each and each service provider connected with roughly 18 individuals. Follow-up surveys are being sent to businesses to get concrete hiring numbers.

In terms of the community-wide workforce plan, three soft launch events have been held with approximately 40 businesses in the service field, health care, advanced manufacturing, and the trades. Topics discussed were three-year job projections, strategies, and goals around attracting talent, developing talent, retaining people, and growing our future workforce. This is all a lead-in to a big community-wide workforce plan unveiling that will be hosted on the east end of the county at the Covenant and Murray Mansion, October 22, and the west end at Integrity Celebration Center, November 7. Committee members will receive an invitation.

Ms. Latus added that the three different soft launch events and shared data from the workforce report has led to a meeting with a group of manufacturing companies who are interested in creating a pipeline for reentry. A meeting was held with RUSD's high school teams. Plans are in place to speak at parent academy nights. Data and information will be shared with teachers and principals. The purpose is to solidify and strengthen the importance of the academies. These meetings and events are turning into stronger collaboration across the county. Sup. Miller recommended contacting the non-public schools. He serves on the board at Siena Schools, the contact is Todd Willims, Chief Academic Officer. The demographics are very similar, and they're very interested in working with Human Services.

Mr. Richardson provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The County would like to transfer roughly \$2M in revolving loan funds to a public service use that's been deemed to be workforce training dollars for different industries that align with the community workforce plan. As part of the application a public hearing will be held September 23 at 5:00 p.m. to receive input in how we utilize those funds. Mr. Richardson thanked members who serve on the Citizen Participation Plan Committee. HHD and HSB members are not obligated to attend, unless they are on the Citizen Participation Plan Committee. An overview of that agenda was shared. Mr. Richardson asked the Committee for input on how to get the word out and maximize participation and input on the application.

Budget Priorities Update

Deputy Director Latus and Mr. Richardson reported highlights.

Correspondence and Other Business

Sup. Miller thanked the YIG members for their participation.

Next Meeting Dates – September 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Community Block Grant Public Hearing

Dennis Kornwolf Service Center, Classroom C

October 28, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

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Adjournment

Sup. Miller motioned to adjourn. Sup. Buske seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Distributions

- Human Services Department 2018 Annual Report
- Budget Priorities – August 2019

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel