

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

**HHD Present:** Kay Buske, Russell A. Clark, Scott Maier, Brett Nielsen

**HSB Present:** Russell A. Clark, Adam Graf, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Brett Nielsen

**YIG Representatives:** Marissa Bray

**Staff Present:** Jonathan Delagrave, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto

**Excused:** Diya Mehra, Robert N. Miller, Don Trottier

**Others Present:** Rebecca Nelsen

**Call to Order**

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement**

Ms. Bray read the Youth In Governance Statement.

**Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes of October 28, 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. Buske seconded.

Mr. Graf moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

YIG: Ms. Bray – Aye

**Motion carried.**

**Report No. 2019-36 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Human Services Board**

Sup. Buske moved to approve the appointment of Rebecca Nelsen to the Human Services Board. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

YIG: Ms. Bray – Aye

**Motion carried; confirmation was approved.**

**Report No. 2019-38 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission**

Chairman Clark moved to confirm the reappointment of Don Scott to the Veterans Service Commission. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

YIG: Ms. Bray – Aye

**Motion carried; confirmation was approved.**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Update**

Mr. Richardson reported that the CDBG application has been submitted. The grant helps under and unemployed individuals gain new skills and a credential so they can move into a family sustaining career. Part of the support will be to support them with intensive case management and wraparound support services to address barriers to employment.

Mr. Richardson is working with RCEDC to transfer the Revolving Loan Funds into the Community Development Block Grant Close Funding that would allow Workforce Solutions to start using the funds for this purpose. The state is currently reviewing the application and funds are expected at the first of next year. The grant amount is \$2M over two years and will help 150 individuals. The number of individuals was determined because the intensive nature of case management and the higher barriered individuals who will be served.

**Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) Presentation**

Director Otto introduced Sarah Fraley, the WHEAP Supervisor. Ms. Fraley explained that Racine County began operating the WHEAP Program October 1, 2019 under the Economic Support Division. She reported how many residents have been served and the average benefit per household.

Ms. Yohn added that one goal of taking over WHEAP was to increase outreach in Racine County. Staff have visited senior centers and other social services agencies, attended Weatherization Day and will attend future Job Fests. The focus has been to serve the clients who know of the benefits and inform the rest of the community of what benefits are available for those who need it.

Ms. Yohn reported wraparound services and complimented Ms. Fraley and her team in increasing awareness with the Veteran Services team in Racine County. They work with

the CVSO (County Veterans Service Officer) to assist specific customers and work collaboratively to make a big difference in the veterans' lives. They work with the AVC (Application Verification Center) and the Burlington Service Center so customers who receive assistance are made aware of Energy Services programs. Customers are also informed of WIC, FSET, W2, emergency rental assistance, referrals for weatherization, and We Energy's low-income assistance program.

Director Otto said the goal is to wraparound all services provided by HSD to lift people out of their current situation.

The State audit was in November and overall Racine received an excellent review. Ms. Yohn credited Ms. Fraley and her team.

### **Budget Priorities Update**

Director Otto provided an overview of the Budget Priorities report. She suggested areas to be enhanced with more meaningful data and other areas to be condensed. She asked the committee for input and received positive feedback.

### **Human Services Department Update**

Director Otto informed the committee there won't be an SRCCCY (Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth) update until April. Chairman Maier expressed his frustration with the State continuing to put off their decision.

Director Otto referenced the deputy sheriff position that she eliminated from her budget. She explained an incident that took place at the Human Services Building that resulted in an incident with a gun. The gun incident didn't occur in HSD's parking lot; however it was very close. Director Otto will ask the County Board to give HSD the same privilege as the courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center in terms of not allowing concealed carry. Every other human services facility in this area has that policy because the nature of sensitivity of the clients served and the possible volatility of some situations. The Sheriff's Department supports not allowing concealed carry at Human Services. A couple of judges have reached out about the importance of having metal detectors at HSD and if not, the importance of having an armed deputy.

Ms. Otto asked the committee for their thoughts and feedback. Mr. Graf asked about liability. Ms. Otto said according to Corporation Council it does not pose an additional risk because HSD is a government entity. Discussion ensued. Chairman Maier said a funding stream will be found to get the position back.

Chairman Clark recommended this item be on the next agenda and invite the Sheriff to attend. Ms. Bray agreed pointing out that there were absent members and said they may have some ideas. Chairman Maier said it will be on the next agenda.

Director Otto informed the committee that they will be asked to vote on the FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) through the County Executive, not this committee. A decision is expected on the status for the federal designation, whether Racine gets it or not, the city will want to do the look alike option for the health center. Gateway plans to put in a \$50,000

donation for initial start-up costs, as well as the City of Racine. The FQHC advisory committee has also asked the County. She suggested and clarified that it is not from Human Services and not from her personally, that it be contingent on the federal designation which would be sustainability and to not invest in the look alike. She said it would be a well use of funds for a federally qualified health center, however without that there isn't a guarantee on investment. This was not a request from Human Services, it was informational.

### **2020 Meeting Schedule**

The 2020 schedule for the Joint Health and Human Development Committee and Human Services Board was distributed.

### **Correspondence and Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Next Meeting Dates** – January 13, 5:00 p.m., Ives Grove Office Complex

### **Adjournment**

Sup. Buske motioned to adjourn. Sup. seconded.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

### **Action**

- Include concealed carry on the next agenda and invite Sheriff Schmaling to attend.

### **Distributions**

- Report No. 2019-36 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Human Services Board - Rebecca Nelsen
- Report No. 2019-38 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission - Don Scott
- Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) Presentation
- Budget Priorities Update December 2019
- 2020 Health and Human Development Human Services Board Meeting Schedule

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel