

**RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, January 11, 2016
Ives Grove Office Complex - Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

Present: David J. Cooke, Mike Dawson, Elizabeth Falk, Robert N. Miller,
Brett Nielsen, Monte G. Osterman, Luann Simpson

Youth in Governance Representatives: Meredith Freidheim, Emma Stock

Not Present: Donnie Snow

Staff Present: Mark Mundi, Hope Otto

Others Present: Brenda Danculovich, Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency
Caroline Gomez-Tom, Covering Wisconsin

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments

Chairman Cooke read the Youth in Governance statement.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

**Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2015 Health and Human Development
Committee/Human Services Board**

Sup. Osterman moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Dawson seconded.

Youth in Governance vote: Freidheim - aye, Stock - aye

Motion carried.

**Report No. 2015-37 -- Report by the County Executive Making Appointments and
Reappointment to the Racine County Workforce Development Board (Tom Reiherzer,
Rodney Prunty, Mark C. Geisler, Shannon G. DiPietro, Hope Otto, Scott Wollenberg)**

Sup. Osterman moved to confirm the appointments of Report No. 2015-37 to the Racine County
Workforce Development Board. Sup. Dawson seconded.

Youth in Governance vote: Freidheim - aye, Stock - aye

Motion carried.

Report No. 2015-39 -- Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission (Al Winter)

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation to the County Board. Sup. Osterman seconded.

Youth in Governance vote: Freidheim - aye, Stock - aye

Motion carried.

Discuss Filling Human Services Board Vacancy

Ms. Otto informed the committee that the potential person is no longer interested.

Sup. Osterman will contact an individual who has expressed a high level of interest and will move forward to confirm that person. Sup. Cooke asked the committee to inform others of the opportunity.

Ms. Simpson inquired about the maximum number Human Services Committee members and suggested adding one spot in the event of losing a member. She referenced a change to the statute. Ms. Otto will review the statute and report back.

Affordable Care Act Update

Ms. Otto introduced Caroline Gomez-Tom, Covering Wisconsin and Brenda Danculovich, Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency (RKCAA).

Ms. Gomez-Tom reported the following:

Wisconsin Numbers

- the uninsured population decreased dramatically nationwide since Open Enrollment One
- Open Enrollment One – 139,815 signed-up for coverage
 - o 81,274 gained coverage through BadgerCare Plus
 - o a significant number lost coverage due to changes in eligibility
 - many of them gained coverage through Marketplace
- Open Enrollment Two – 207,349 received Marketplace coverage
 - o close to 35% were new applicants
 - o in Racine County 5,256 paid their first months premium and insurance started
 - o 15 issuers/providers
 - o 67 health plans
 - o 90% were eligible for financial assistance in the Marketplace
 - o 78% were able to enroll in a plan for \$100 or less per month
- since open enrollment started November 1, 2015, 218,374 consumers signed up for a plan through Marketplace
- Open Enrollment Three – currently underway, no data available at this time

There are fifteen insurance companies statewide and sixteen rating regions. The price differences are decided by region, age, and tobacco use. In Racine there are six health plans and a lot cover Wheaton Franciscan and/or Aurora.

Ms. Gomez informed the committee of a Healthy Communities Challenge, a ten county radius that includes Racine County, initiated by President Obama. As of December we're in the lead.

Wisconsin received a Navigator Grant through 2018. The committee was encouraged to contact Ms. Danculovich or Ms. Gomez-Tom if additional information or assistance is needed.

2016 Budget Priority Updates

The goal snapshot will be available for the next meeting.

HSD

Goal # 1 – Along with Kenosha County - the IM consortium (WKRK) will meet all federal and state compliance standards in relation to public assistance program services to eligible citizens.

Food Share and Medicaid Error statistics are only available annually.

Application timeliness average of 98% timeliness or greater.

The average speed of answer for November 2015 was 4.36 and December 2015 was 6.7. Exceeding goal of under ten minutes.

Goal # 5 – Increase the number of customers who attain GED's and NCRC's. (National Career Readiness Certification) through the Workforce Development Center.

There hasn't been any GED or NCRC's obtained to date.

Ms. Otto indicated she may have set an ambitious goal based on last years' numbers as well as results of Promise Zone statistics. Last year there were eight GEDs and 87 NCRCs. Also, over 10,000 people in a designated census track ages 24 – 64 do not have a GED.

Mr. Mundl explained that as the economy improves people are finding employment quicker, so the credential becomes a lower priority for those individuals.

Ms. Otto would like to revisit the goal.

Sup. Osterman inquired about Jeff Neubauer and Higher Expectations with regard to this initiative. He suggested looking at that research to come up with a more realistic goal. Ms. Otto will consult and come back with a recommendation.

Ms. Falk referenced the Gateway Promise Program and asked if there will be any room in that for people to get their GED or strictly high school diploma. Ms. Otto does not know the detail of that program. She is meeting with Deb Davidson next week and will bring-up this.

Goal # 6 – Continue to have a proactive Fraud Program for Public Assistance programs in Racine County. Continue to have a strong relationship with the Sheriff and the District Attorney's office to reduce fraud in Human Services' programs.

There hasn't been an updated report from Department of Health Services regarding fraud since Ms. Camacho's update reported in November.

Goal # 12 – Have an ADP of eight individuals at the Assessment Center for 2016.

The County Executive recommended we change this goal for 2016. Moving forward Ms. Otto's updates will reflect placements, the acuity of individuals, and diversion, not just ADP.

- 2015 closing ADP 8.25
- 810 admissions
- 3,011 days of care
- admissions are up from a little over 500 from 2014
 - o attributed to changes at St. Luke's

Ridgewood

Goal # 1 – Maintain an appropriate mix of Medicare, Medicaid, and private-pay residents to achieve budgeted revenue.

The census has dropped due to the holidays. We are at an average census of 175. The payer source has been relatively diversified.

Behavioral Health Services Update

The first floor of the clinic has been remodeled; it's more hygienic, professional, and customer oriented. The layout improves confidentiality with the ability to collect personal health information and data much better than the previous layout.

Ms. Otto is in the process of holding listening sessions with Behavioral Health Services staff. The purpose is to engage staff about areas of improvement, suggestions, and what they see for the vision and future of Behavioral Health and how to help grow the clinic to serve more people in need. Ms. Otto will report out when she concludes.

Ms. Otto informed the committee about a best practice County Executive Delagrave learned about. It's a Harvard based, website screening tool for mental health. It has a series of questions to gauge an individual's mental illnesses and will instruct them to call the BHS crisis line or mental health line to direct them to services. The tool has been purchased. It will be placed on the County's website and then marketed after the new platform is developed with the new website vendor.

Sup. Miller inquired about BHS staffing. BHS is fully staffed; however there is an ongoing recruitment for psychologists and an AODA counselor.

Ridgewood Update

With BHS, particularly Adult Protective Services (APS), exploring the use of Ridgewood as a possible site for emergency detention holds until orders are received from the judge for commitments. This would only be needed for a crisis, temporary hold until the court date. This is a need that evolved out of the BHS listening sessions.

Correspondence and Other Business

Ms. Simpson is a member of the Disability Rights Wisconsin Board of Directors (DRW), advocacy for individuals with disabilities. As part of that she's the Chairperson of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Council (PAIMI). She has talked with Ms. Otto and would like to bring Racine County concerns to DRW and the PAIMI Council. She also asked the committee to share challenges with her that she can take to DRW and PAMI.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, February 8, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, Auditorium

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Action Items

Ms. Otto review statute regarding maximum number of Human Services Board members and report back.

Present the Budget Priorities goal snapshot report at the next meeting.

Ms. Otto consult with Jeff Neubauer regarding GED research and come back with a recommendation for goal number five.

Distributions

Report No. 2015-37 -- Report by the County Executive Making Appointments and Reappointment to the Racine County Workforce Development Board

Report No. 2015-39 -- Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Veterans Service Commission

Racine County Human Services 2016 Budget Priorities – Timetable dated 7/16/15

Racine County Human Services 2015 Budget Priorities – Timetable dated 1/5/16

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel