

**Joint Meeting of the Racine County
Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board
Monday, March 8, 2021
Virtual**

HHD Present: Jason Eckman, Eric Hopkins, Scott Maier, Fabi Maldonado, Robert Miller,
Jody Spencer

HSB Present: Scott Maier, Don Trottier

YIG Present: Sophia Schoenfeld, Sarah Stone

Staff Present: Antonio Chavez, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom

Others Present: Margaret Gesner

Excused: Rhonda Zuck

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Ms. Stone read the Youth In Governance statement.

Public Comment Section

There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. Eckman moved to approve the minutes. Sup. Miller seconded.

Sup. Miller noted a correction to item numbers eight and nine; add Sup. Miller's motion to approve the Ordinance and add Sup. Miller's motion to approve the Resolution.

Chairman Maier moved to approve the minutes with the corrections. Sup. Trottier seconded.

YIG: Ms. Schoenfeld – Aye, Ms. Stone – Aye

Motion carried.

Report No. 2020-54 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Workforce Development Board

Sup. Miller moved to confirm the reappointment of Courtney Eccleston. Sup. Eckman seconded.

YIG: Ms. Schoenfeld – Aye, Ms. Stone – Aye

Motion carried.

Central Racine County Health Department and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Gesner provided an overview of the point in time pandemic information, current vaccinations, and what to expect with ongoing vaccinations. She presented pandemic data that included the pandemic trajectory, CDC and WI Department of Health Risk Categories, Racine County currently in relation to the rest of the state, number of cases and deaths by age and ethnicity, SEWI hospital capabilities, testing, vaccinating entities, the focus being on equitable distribution of vaccines, the vaccine shortage, and vaccines next steps. CRCHD has partnered with the ADRC to provide transportation and phone appointments.

Director Otto referenced the difficulties with looking at racial disparities at this time. She explained that because of the limited eligibility it is difficult to assess how severe the disparities are. HSD has partnered with CRCHD, the City of Racine, the Kenosha Racine Black Nurses Association, Payne & Frasier, Higher Expectations, and Ascension to write a grant that addresses both racial and geographic inequities in vaccine distribution.

The County, City, and the CRCHD have been collaborating on various initiatives since the beginning of the pandemic. Director Otto described the struggles in terms of organizational alignment throughout the state, as well as the challenges of a split City and County health departments. Collaboration is done on a routine basis.

Anyone who wants to volunteer at a vaccination site may email Ms. Gesner, sign-up at info@CRCHD.com, contact Aurora, or there is a State registry.

The CRCHD website, www.crchd.com, has links to a map with vaccination sites and a vaccine Hotline.

Sup. Maldonado indicated that he is working with a coalition, as well as Sup. Spencer, to help distribute as much information, including vaccine information in the community.

Director Otto referenced a video Al Gardner, Community Engagement Specialist, is involved with that will be released when more vaccines are available. She would like to work with Sup. Maldonado on that.

Chairman Maier and several members praised Ms. Gesner and thanked her for the work she is doing.

Dashboard Overview

Deputy Director Latus referenced Human Services' dashboard and how it will transition from data in the form of charts and graphs to a more public facing web page that includes the story behind the data as well as metrics that will show how each department is doing. She further stated that data is not always easily formatted or easy to understand and we miss the story. Our aim at transparency with data will be better met with the newly designed pages. She also presented the Youth Development Care Center (YDCC) dashboard and explained how it will continue to be updated as input is received from the community.

Ms. Tangerstrom described two links that will allow the public to sign-up for the County Executive's weekly newsletter that includes YDCC, in addition to all other County highlights. The community can also provide input, give feedback, ask questions, provide personal experiences with juvenile detention, and they can leave their contact information if they want to talk with someone.

Sup. Spencer referenced the forum held Sunday, March 7 and complimented how Deputy Director Latus and Director Otto answered the questions openly and honestly. She asked about the March 10 meeting being held by City Council President John Tate and asked what the County's presence is going to be at that meeting. Director Otto explained that she wants to approach this topic in a helpful

and constructive manner with the board and committee. She would prefer an in-person conversation with the City.

Sup. Maldonado agreed with Director Otto. He asked if it would be okay for him to reach out to the City to initiate those conversations. Director Otto said it should be on behalf of board of supervisors and in his role with his counterparts to start with.

Director Otto described the Race, Equity, and Inclusion (REI) website that is currently under construction. The site will be shared with the community, it will allow them to see what efforts are in place and provide feedback. Supportive services will be included on the site. Director Otto described the different sections of the website, highlighted initiatives and upcoming trainings that will be offered to the County Board and staff. The site will be available on the County's website.

Correspondence and Other Business

Chairman Maier announced that Susan Lange-Pruitt resigned from the Human Services Board. He thanked her for her five years of service. Chairman Maier will work with the County Executive to fill that position.

Director Otto will present to the full County Board in April about the Human Services Budget and potential partnerships with members of the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Maier asked that the Central Racine County Health Department and COVID-19 Updates PowerPoint be sent to members.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 12, 2021, 5:00 p.m., virtual.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Action Items

- Send presentations to members.
- Send Department of Health Services map of vaccine sites to members.
- Send list of professional development trainings to Chairman Roanhouse and members.

Distributions

- Report No. 2020-54 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to the Racine County Workforce Development Board - Courtney Eccleston
- Covid-19 Updates Racine County 3.8.2021 PowerPoint 3.8.21

Respectfully submitted by,

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