

**Joint Meeting of the Racine County  
Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board  
Monday, May 10, 2021  
Ives Grove – Auditorium  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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

**HSB Present:** Scott Maier, Don Trottier, Rhonda Zuck

**YIG Present:** Antonia Marz, Margarita Reyes-Pena

**Staff Present:** Dan Chiappetta, Michelle Goggins, Kristin Latus, Amy O'Brien, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom

**Excused:** Eric Hopkins

**Call to Order**

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

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement**

Chairman Maier welcomed new Youth In Governance (YIG) member, Toni Marz, she introduced herself. Ms. Marz read the YIG statement.

**Approval of Minutes from the April 12, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board**

Sup. Maldonado moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Miller seconded.

Ms. Zuck moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Chairman Maier seconded.

YIG: Ms. Marz – Aye

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution No. 2021-xx May 11, 2021 Resolution by the Health and Human Development Committee Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

Ms. O'Brien, ADRC Manager, explained that all County Boards are being asked to support this resolution. This is an ask of the Governor's Budget. It will fully fund ADRC today and in addition it has requests to support long path thinking for ADRC's that would provide additional service support for the populations ADRC serves. ADRC's have been flat funded since 2006. She described how that has stressed the system to support the population served and how ADRC's were funded in phases.

Sup. Miller moved to send the Resolution to County Board for first reading tomorrow, May 11, 2021. Sup. Spencer seconded.

Ms. Zuck moved to approve. Sup. Trottier seconded.

YIG: Ms. Marz – Aye, Ms. Reyes-Pena

**Motion carried.**

## **Foster Care**

Director Otto introduced Dan Chiappetta, Foster Care Program Supervisor.

Mr. Chiappetta went through the Foster Care Annual Report. He distributed flyers and highlighted foster parent recognition and appreciation events. Annually the County Executive proclaims May as Foster Care Month. Mr. Chiappetta asked committee members to please spread the word about foster care to bring awareness and to hopefully increase inquiries about foster parenting.

## **NIATx Mapping - Change Management Process Youth & Family**

Director Otto announced Kerry Milkie's retirement April 1, 2021, after 32 years with the County. She continued, describing changes within the Youth & Family Division. She also described several trainings that have helped parents and staff make a substantial difference. The manager position will be posted.

Ms. Goggins described NIATx. She has been working with the team to look at their process and their workflow. The team is looking at areas they have potential to either improve or think differently in how they interact with families. One main focus is how to serve people in a more voluntary basis. One How to get families to reach out to Y&F before it becomes a child welfare situation, before children are removed from their home. Staff are already initiating change.

## **Alternative Public Hearing Locations and Dates**

Director Otto explained that the Community Engagement Specialist asked how she gets input for how money is spent. He also asked her how to do a better job of engaging the public into our process?

The recommendation was to have one public hearing at the George Bray Center Monday, July 12 and the following Monday, July 19 at Veterans Terrace. Each hearing would be one-hour and include a presentation of the Budget Planning Paper, as well as a brief overview of the strategic plan.

It was agreed to have two sessions that are more community based. The first hearing will be held July 12 at the Bray Center and the second will be held July 19 at Veterans Terrace.

## **Correspondence and Other Business**

Chairman Maier welcomed YIG representative Margarita Reyes-Pena and she introduced herself. The committee and board introduced themselves.

Supervisor Miller shared that he reviewed the WC Analysis of the Governor's Budget. He suggested that Chairman Maier and Director Otto meet to determine if there is anything else this committee may want to promote.

Director Otto described the UC Advocacy Day that she, Sup. Trottier, Vice Chairman Kramer, Dan Chiappetta, Deputy Director Latus, and Michelle Goggins attended. They had talking points around areas they wanted to assure had funding. County Executive Delagrave and Director Otto talked with Rep. Greta Neubauer today. The ADRC is critical and the Behavioral Health area is underfunded. Director Otto and Chairman Maier will meet.

**Next Meeting Date** – Monday, June 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Ives Grove

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

## **Distributions**

- Resolution No. 2021-xx May 11, 2021 Resolution by the Health and Human Development Committee Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Annual Report January 2020 - December 2020 -- Foster Care Recruitment & Retention Strategic Plan 2018-2020
- Foster Care Mission and Vision
- Foster Parent Appreciation Gala Save the Date
- Save the Date! Racine County Foster Care Day at the Park
- Official Proclamation – the month of May 2021 “Foster Care Month”
- Foster Care Hero Jordan Blommel
- Foster Care Hero Stacy Scott
- Foster Care Hero Felicia Boyd
- Foster Care Hero Racine Assembly of God
- Foster Care Community Partners (Foster Care)
- Recruitment Efforts (Foster Care)
- Bring Them Home Racine (Foster Care recruitment campaign)

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel