

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, July 12, 2021  
George Bray Neighborhood YMCA  
924 Center Street  
Racine, WI 53403**

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

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

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

**Staff Present:** Waleed Ahmad, Steve Bedwell, Jonathan Delagrave, Al Gardner, Michelle Goggins, Melvin Hargrove, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom, Gwen Zimmer

**Others Present:** Van A. Carson Sr, Wanda Minued, Joshua Williams, Tanya Williams, Tim Zuck

**Excused:** Fabi Maldonado

**Call to Order**

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement**

Chairman Maier announced that Sup. Hopkins and YIG representative Margarita Reyes-Pena joined the meeting. The statement was not read.

**Public Comment Section**

There were no comments.

**Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board**

Ms. Bartel informed the committee that since they received the minutes, she has added the names of who moved and seconded for the Housing Authority reappointment and appointments.

Sup. Eckman motioned to approve the minutes as modified. Sup. Miller seconded.

Sup. Trottier motioned to approve with amendments. Ms. Zuck seconded.

YIG: Ms. Marz – Aye, Ms. Reyes-Pena – Aye

**Motion carried.**

**Discuss Public Hearing Comments**

Sup. Miller expressed his appreciation for the input received. He also expressed his appreciation for receiving the presentation in advance. He said it was a good overview and he liked the video presentation. He continued, stating how impressed he is with the way staff tries to leverage different funds, encourage collaboration and creativity in everything done in Human Services. He commended Director Otto and staff.

## **Review of the 2022 Budget Planning Paper**

Sup. Miller asked for more detail on what's happening with meals for the aging and the future.

Director Otto explained that they've gone back to the previous model, but the cost of meals has gone up. The funding has increased, but not enough to cover projected rates, however they want to cover it irrespective of that funding. Ms. Zimmer added that they are moving back to the normal model of congregate meals. The previous vendor was forced to close due to supply and demand during the pandemic which is why they went to the restaurant model. The vendor is ready to open again.

Ms. Goggins described changes that occurred during the pandemic because of federal government and state rules, as well as that funding. All of those rules are coming to an end, so they are reverting back to the model that has been deployed by Racine County since the early 70's by utilizing the home delivered meals, the volunteer and paid drivers to assure people receive their meals on wheels.

Sup. Miller asked about the prognosis on how that will work. Ms. Goggins explained, and she praised the seniors within our community who are the driving force of the Meals on Wheels program.

Sup. Eckman referenced Human & Health Services on page two and asked about the grant program budget actual and the projected. He asked if there are one or two big things or lots of little things that make up that difference. Director Otto referred to pages three and four and explained the difference.

## **Correspondence and Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Next Meeting Date** – Monday, July 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Veterans Terrace

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

## **Distributions**

- Human Services Department 2022 Budget Planning Paper

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel