

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, July 19, 2021  
Veterans Terrace  
589 Milwaukee Avenue  
Burlington, WI 53105**

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

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

**Staff Present:** Michelle Goggins, Melvin Hargrove, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Sarah Street,  
Beth Tangerstrom, Gwen Zimmer

**Others Present:** Tim Zuck

**Excused:** Jason Eckman, Eric Hopkins, Antonia Marz, Margarita Reyes-Pena

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

The YIG representatives were excused. Sup. Hopkins and Sup. Eckman haven't communicated if they'd be in attendance or not.

**Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement**

Chairman Maier thanked Veterans Terrace for hosting the meeting.

**Public Comment Section**

There were no public comments.

**Discuss Public Hearing Comments**

There were no comments to discuss.

**Review 2022 Budget Planning Paper**

The planning paper is posted on the County website.

Director Otto reported the following presentation highlights:

- The consolidation of the Health Department underneath the Human Services umbrella as of January 1, 2022
- Margaret Gesner is retiring, Jeff Langlieb will be appointed as the next director while still under the Central Racine Health Department organization
- Closer to the construction of the Youth Development and Care Center closer to early Spring
- Committed to finding a permanent home for Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Clinic to help support and expand BHS Clinic and services – Possible use of ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) or opioid funds.
- Continue to focus on voluntary services and increase presence in the community that's not always on the mandatory or court involved end of things
  - o preserve Here to Help post COVID
- Expand Summer Youth Program jobs from 25 youth to 50
  - o one goal is to handoff the program to a community-based organization to be more community lead and HSD would only be a funder

- increase partnership with both law enforcement as well as 911 Dispatch for a co-response model for Mobile and law enforcement to help mitigate individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis - this is already done, but it would scale up BHS's support with more rapid response time, in particular on the west end. Possible use of ARPA funds.

Director Otto said that with the natural wage increases and existing programs already underway it will be a challenge to get within the expected budget framework.

Sup. Spencer indicated that she was unclear where the SRCCCY (Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth) will be located. Director Otto said that will be announced soon. Two potential locations have already been brought forth to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Maier summarized that the biggest challenge with all of the departments is revenue and trying to broaden some current services and expand services. He said hopefully there will be grants, however current funds are ending. Director Otto agreed, adding that the State Budget did not favor this year, she expressed her disappointment. Chairman Maier indicated the challenge is for Racine County to continue to run as lean as it can without affecting the services or the quality of services provided. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Maier said this was a great opportunity for outreach for this committee. He complimented the idea of presenting on the west end as well as the east end. He expressed his disappointment in not having more public comment from the west end. He thanked Director Otto and her staff for their work in coordinating the meetings. He said we're here to help and be transparent for everybody.

Director Otto asked for suggestions of other ways to share information or timeframe or location.

### **Correspondence and Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

### **Distributions**

- Human Services Department 2022 Budget Planning Paper

### **Action**

- Send the presentation to Sup. Maldonado

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel