

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, November 22, 2021
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Eric Hopkins, Scott Maier, Fabi Maldonado via telephone, Robert Miller, Jody Spencer

HSB Present: Scott Maier, Don Trottier, Rhonda Zuck

YIG: Margarita Reyes-Peña

Staff Present: Kristin Latus, Jenna McReynolds, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom

Absent: Jason Eckman, Antonia Marz, Wanda Minued

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Sup. Eckman, Sup. Maldonado, Wanda Minued, and YIG representative Miss Marz were expected.

Chairman Maier will reach out to Ms. Minued.

Discussion ensued about repeated absences and follow-up with members indicating that due to lack of response we will seek another person. Chairman Maier agreed and will check with Corp Counsel for the process of reaching out to members and replacement.

Discussion ensued regarding in-person verses virtual meetings. Sup. Miller referenced the resolution that was passed indicating that we will have the virtual ability, members may also call-in to participate.

Director Otto said we had opted for in-person verses virtual option during budget because of the importance of public hearings and the volume of information. She said moving into our more standard or traditional meetings it would be easier to facilitate a virtual option if Chairman Maier is okay with it. Chairman Maier said he would be okay with that, but for more sensitive topics with people coming in, he would prefer to have one-on-one. This will be looked at going forward.

Chairman Comments – Youth in Governance Statement

Miss Reyes-Peña read the YIG statement.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Welcome and Introduction of New Human Service Board Members

This item was moved to the next meeting.

Director Otto informed Chairman Maier there is a pending appointment that is in the County Executive's office now and that recommendation should be ready for this committee in December. Chairman Maier added that he is also going to reach out to the County Executive with a person who is interested.

Approval of Minutes from the October 25, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. Spencer pointed out a correction in the attendance, her name should be listed under the Health and Human Development Committee.

With that correction, Sup. Miller moved to approve the minutes. Chairman Maier seconded.

With that correction, Sup. Trottier moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Zuck seconded.

YIG: Miss Reyes-Peña – Aye

Motion carried.

Here to Help Updates

Deputy Director Latus provided a Here to Help update and distributed program data. She reported where donations have come from and said the primary amount of funds are going towards eviction prevention.

Director Otto referenced the data and pointed out the initial philosophy of the program focus was listed under the Basic Allocation County Funds, with the target being at-risk families with children who are at-risk of abuse and neglect. The program has shifted, successfully, funds from discretionary dollars to support child welfare, to City funds that are very tailored to eviction prevention, as well as senior assistant funds, a generous donation, received from The Racine Community Foundation. Moving forward staff will be very thoughtful about when those dollars run out, what does the program look like, who is served, and what expectations are left in the community. Try to create sustainable options for people moving forward.

Deputy Director Latus shared a story about a participant who graduated from Elevate, a Children's First Program.

Family Support & Prevention Initiatives

Director Otto introduced Jenna McReynolds, Data and Analytics Coordinator.

Director Otto distributed the Family Support & Prevention Initiatives information sheet and the Youth Justice System of Care information sheet. She described each program.

Racine County Health Department Lease

Director Otto explained that the Health Department would like to secure the lease because they are being strongly encouraged by the current landlord to find an alternate location. It is in the best interest of the Health Department and Racine County for them to secure something sooner than later. There are two possible locations being considered and both will be build-outs. One location is by Sola Salon on Hwy 20 and the other is by the DMV.

Correspondence and Other Business

Chairman Maier referenced the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board 2022 Meeting Schedule that was included in packets.

Chairman Maier referenced the Foster Children Sunshine Club Fundraiser scheduled for December 6 – December 10, anyone who would like to support the event contact Kim.

Director Otto referenced the vote tomorrow to enter into the agreement for the land purchase in Caledonia is going to County Board. She encouraged everybody who has interest in expressing their support to do so. She referred to the Youth Justice System of Care information sheet and expressed the importance of having a new center to effectively reduce the high-end, high-risk offenses to appropriately care for and rehabilitate youth, is by having a new center focused on programming and the additional dollars that come with it.

Sup. Spencer asked if someone could send out the Racine County COVID updates again. Director Otto will follow-up with James Kerner and Andrew Goetz.

Next Meeting Date -- Monday, December 13, 2021

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Distributions

- Here to Help
- Family Support & Prevention Initiatives
- Youth Justice System of Care
- Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board 2022 Meeting Schedule

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel