

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, January 10, 2022  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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

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

**YIG:** Antonia Marz, Margarita Reyes-Peña

**Staff Present:** Steve Bedwell, Krystal Ellis, Ed Kamin, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom

**Absent:** Wanda Minued

**Others Present:** Luann Simpson

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

**Chairman Comments – Youth in Governance Statement**

Miss Marz read the YIG statement.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes from the December 13, 2021 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board**

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

Sup. Trottier moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Zuck seconded.

YIG: Miss Marz – Aye Miss Reyes-Peña – Aye

**Motion carried.**

**Workforce Solutions Update**

Ed Kamin, Workforce Solutions Manager, introduced himself and listed the services and programs under his division.

Mr. Kamin presented the Talent Pipeline Management 2021 Year in Review and STARTS Now & Community Engagement 2021 Year in Review. He reported highlights of each Talent Pipeline (TPM) program: Health Care, Manufacturing, IT/Tech.

Mr. Kamin described Fast Forward grants that employers are the grantee, and how Workforce Solutions has assisted the employer to navigate the process. He provided a breakdown of Starts Now, Community Engagement, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Hot Jobs phone number is being updated so callers speak with a person, they will not get a message.

Mr. Kamin introduced Krystal Ellis, Workforce Solutions and Economic Support Supervisor.

Discussion ensued. Members were asked to refer constituents to Workforce Solutions. The following information will be sent to members, Race and Equity link that includes unemployment rates, Job Fair information, and the Jobs Hotline.

Director Otto informed members that the YWCA received the \$5M grant in partnership with Gateway to expand the 509 Program for our community. That program has had approximately 200 graduates per year and they are looking to expand that to 1,000.

### **Community Violence Prevention Presentation**

Director Otto introduced Steve Bedwell, Youth & Family Manager.

Mr. Bedwell referenced his previous presentation to this committee and board that outlined the plan to confront violence among some youths in our community. Since that meeting, youth who were involved in recent violence were asked several questions related to violence in their neighborhood, what they attributed to the cause of violence, if they felt safe in their community and what would help them to feel safe in their community, and what they would change about their community. Mr. Bedwell shared those responses.

Mr. Bedwell reminded members that his previous presentation also included efforts made around the grants received and described changes being made to programming to directly target youth in the community. Maurice Horton was hired as the Community Violence Prevention Supervisor. The information reported was around Mr. Horton's efforts and targeted intervention in regard to our community and violence prevention, and his role. Mr. Bedwell highlighted key areas and efforts underway to bring positive resources to youth in our community; targeted listening sessions, an EDGE Taskforce (Eliminating Drugs and Gangs through Education), speaker series, support efforts of Voices of Black Mothers United, and developing the best response in our community when violence occurs and how to prevent it from happening again.

Director Otto added that the Community Engagement Specialists work closely with Mr. Horton and Mr. Bedwell. Similar to Ms. Ellis' reference to Workforce programming and overlap, Director Otto's team meets twice a month to discuss collaboration and how to support community engagement and outreach throughout the whole department. The Workforce team helps to support Youth & Family and vice versa, and Summer Youth Jobs is one example of that collaboration.

Discussion ensued.

### **Correspondence and Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Next Meeting Date** -- Monday, February 14, 2022

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

## **Distributions**

- Talent Pipeline Management 2021 Year in Review
- STARTS Now & Community Engagement 2021 Year in Review
- 2022 Projects Focus on Prevention

## **Action Items**

- Send to members -- Race and Equity link, Job Fair information, and the Jobs Hotline
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Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel