

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

**HHD Present:** Jason Eckman, Eric Hopkins, Scott Maier, Robert Miller, Jody Spencer  
**HSB Present:** Scott Maier, Don Trottier  
**YIG:** Margarita Reyes-Pena  
**Staff Present:** Jonathan Delagrave, Amy O'Brien, Hope Otto  
**Excused:** Rae McWhorter, Rhonda Zuck  
**Absent:** Fabi Maldonado, Antonia Marz  
**Others Present:** Luanne Simpson

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Chairman Comments – Youth in Governance Statement**

Miss Reyes-Pena read the YIG statement. This is the last meeting for the YIG members. Chairman Maier thanked Miss. Reyes-Pena and Miss. Marz for their participation and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes from the March 14, 2022, 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. Sup. Maier seconded.

YIG: Miss Reyes-Pena approved.

**Motion carried.**

**Report No. 2021-41 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to Commission on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center**

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation to the County Board. Sup. Spencer seconded.

YIG: Miss Reyes-Pena approved.

**Motion carried.**

## **Report No. 2021-42 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to Commission on Aging Board**

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation to the full County Board. Sup. Spencer seconded.

YIG: Miss Reyes-Pena approved.

**Motion carried.**

### **Aging & Disability Resource Center Overview**

Director Otto shared a future vision for the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the senior population in Racine County. Our community is missing an adult enrichment center, a wellness hub for seniors to socialize. Sup. Miller, citizen member Celeste Henken, the County Executive, Amy O'Brien, and Director Otto are in the process of exploring options. They are also engaging conversations with Mt. Pleasant and the school district for potential locations.

A survey has been created to gather community input. The survey is being advertised in *The Journal Times*, on social media, the County's website, and paper copies are available. Members were asked to ask their loved ones who are 55 and older to complete the survey. Sup. Miller explained that a number of people over the years have been looking at and trying to work with the City about a center that didn't come to fruition about a center. The initiative belongs to citizen Celeste Henken. He also recommended the center information and survey be shared with the full County Board. West Ridge School is a potential site that may include a childcare center for RUSD employees, a library, and there is an opportunity to collaborate with Mt. Pleasant, Sturtevant, and possibly a health care entity.

Ms. O'Brien provided an overview of the ADRC. Director Otto added that she will be asking to either reallocate existing resources or potentially request additional funds for the steady increase in Adult Protective Services (APS), the aging population, and the importance to stay on top of investigations. Director Otto and Ms. O'Brien described State funding and how underfunded Racine County is and how significantly underfunded other communities are for the size of their population.

Sup. Trottier complimented Ms. O'Brien and her staff for providing transportation for developmentally disabled individuals to get to their jobs so they are functioning and working fulltime.

Ms. O'Brien described the seven resource directories ADRC has created.

### **Correspondence and Other Business**

Chairman Maier thanked members; this is the last meeting of this group of HHD members. He thanked the YIG members for their input and help, as well as Director Otto, her staff, and the County Executive, for making this committee work well. He said this group has done a lot of wonderful things over the last two years. He looks forward to more things to come from this committee, he encouraged members to continue the good work, and continue to keep the residents of Racine abreast of what's going on.

**Next Meeting Date** -- Monday, May 9, 2022, at Ives Grove, Auditorium

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

**Distributions**

- Report No. 2021-41 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to Commission on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Resolution No. 2021-42 – Report by the County Executive Making a Reappointment to Commission on Aging Board
- Aging & Disability Resource Center of Racine County PowerPoint and Resource Brochures

**Action Items**

- Email ADRC resources for visual needs and tax needs to Sup. Spencer

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel