

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, May 9, 2022
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

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

HSB Present: Scott Maier, Rae McWhorter, Rhonda Zuck

YIG: Jamillah Jallow, Margarita Reyes-Pena

Staff Present: Jonathan Delagrave, Al Gardner, Karen Goodwin, Melvin Hargrove, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Beth Tangerstrom

Excused: Don Trottier, Marcus West

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Chairman Comments – Youth in Governance Statement

Miss Reyes-Pena read the YIG statement.

Introductions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes from the April 11, 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. Maier seconded.

Ms. Zuck moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. McWhorter seconded.

YIG: Miss Reyes-Pena approved.

Motion carried.

Summer Jobs Presentation

Director Otto explained how the summer jobs model was created.

Mr. Gardner explained why he wanted the youth summer jobs program started up again and expressed the importance of employing our youth. He asked members to contact him if they know a company interested in being involved in the program. He described his role and announced that he will be leaving December 31. He praised the County and Ms. Goodwin.

Ms. Goodwin described the program, it includes employment Monday – Thursday to obtain work experience, and Friday will consist of mentoring sessions, interpersonal skills, and financial literacy.

One-hundred ten youth have applied, recruitment will end soon. Interviewing is underway. There are twenty-three worksites and staff are reaching out to employers for additional worksites to host youth.

Mr. Gardner listed several who have donated to the program and a few partners. Director Otto added that the County authorized \$800,000 of ARPA funds over four years to support employment wages and positions for the program. The County has positions in IT, maintenance, and Ives Grove Golf Course. Mr. Gardner referenced Officer Pettis from a COP House who was trying to raise money for a summer youth program. He has been invited to participate in the program. Youth will be placed at his location to help elderly in that neighborhood. Mr. Gardner expressed his gratitude to the County and the community for their support.

Talent Reconnect and Talent Pipeline Management

Director Otto referenced the declining labor force, the silver tsunamis in recent years, and presented a strategy to address the workforce shortage in our community. Deputy Director Latus added that employers are interested in someone who can do the basic work so they can focus on and invest in upskilling current employees to move up to the next level.

Chairman Miller suggested putting this information in church bulletins to reach seniors.

Correspondence and Other Business

Director Otto asked members if there is anything they'd like reported at future meetings. Chairman Miller asked for a regular update on the youth care center.

Director Otto explained that additional funds need to be secured to address inflation issues or scale back. The County is committed to building either way but would like to do so without making cuts to the infrastructure. She and County Executive Delagrave met with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) about reallocating funds from communities that chose not to build, that is a total of \$46M. A meeting was held with the district attorney, Chief Deputy Weidner, County Executive, HSD's leadership team, the architects, and Gilbane to discuss the facility design. Deputy Director Latus added that there is a 15-20% cost increase due to supply chain issues, cost escalations, and labor increase. To stay in budget with what was planned prior to the pandemic they'd have to cut 15,000 square feet of the program. That is why they are seeking additional funding.

Next Meeting Dates Monday, June 13, 2022, at Ives Grove, Auditorium
Monday, July 11, Budget Public Hearing, at Ives Grove, Auditorium

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Distributions

- Summer Youth Employment Flyer
- Re-Connect your Talent PowerPoint
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Action Items

- Send the Summer Youth Employment Program request for donations letter to the committee
- Add Summer Youth Employment Program donations link to the website

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel