

**RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
May 12, 2014
Conference Room behind the County Board Chambers
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

Present: David J. Cooke, Mike Dawson, Elizabeth Falk, Monte Osterman, Daniel F. Sharkozy, Donnie Snow

Excused: Patrick Flanagan, Robert N. Miller, Luann Simpson

Staff Present: Jonathan Delagrave

Others Present: Barb Tylenda - Health Care Network

Call to Order

Chairman Cooke called to order the Health and Human Development Committee/Human Services Board Meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2014 Health and Human Development Committee/Human Services Board Meetings

Sup. Osterman moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Dawson seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Overview of Human Services Department

Mr. Delagrave explained that the HSD director answers to the county executive and listed the divisions that make up the Human Services Department.

Mr. Delagrave asked the committee to review the Racine County Human Services 2014 Budget Priorities Timetable. Division managers will report their goals at future meetings.

Sup. Osterman asked why there are so many adjustments to the budget.

Mr. Delagrave explained that movement of money has happened over the last three years more than usual because the creation of the Behavioral Health Services Clinic (BHS). That will continue, however it will be less often now that BHS is in its second budget year. HSD and BHS budgets are separate, BHS is an enterprise.

Mr. Delagrave continued, he explained that the HSD budget is complex with many divisions. HSD's budget is approximately \$60M and of that only \$5.5-\$6M is levy. The rest is made up of grants, money from the state, and money from the federal government. There are a lot of dynamics in play that money has to be shifted around. Services have either stayed the same or gotten better as a result of money transfers.

Sup. Sharkozy referenced public comments from a previous County Board meeting. Constituents requested that Racine County look for the federal dollars that would have been awarded to the state via the Medicaid dollars and how that has impacted the state and the county because there are less people being covered at a greater expense. He asked for information so he can respond to those citizens.

Mr. Delagrave stated that he defers to this committee and the county board on the policies they want to take. He continued, stating it is true by not taking the Medicaid money it lowers the threshold on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) of who is eligible to be covered by Medicaid dollars. By the state not taking the Medicaid money the FPL lowers for those people who otherwise would be covered if the state did take the money.

With regard to how to respond to citizens and the policy, Mr. Delagrave will leave that to the committee and the county board. He will go by the directives he is given.

Sup. Sharkozy referenced a resolution based on the same factors that many states have reversed their position and have gone on to accept the money. He asked where we stand on that.

Chairman Cooke deferred this topic to a future agenda to allow Mr. Delagrave time to gather information.

Discussion ensued.

Sup. Sharkozy requested that Mr. Delagrave send him e-mails, etc. for where he gathers his data so he can reply to citizens. He is concerned there are a number of people in our community going without whether it's political or what. He sees that a lot of states have changed their position.

Chairman Cooke indicated that after Mr. Delagrave presents further data the committee will do more research and determine if it makes a recommendation going forward one way or the other.

Sup. Snow stated that it is this committee's responsibility that when something comes to the committee it is brought to the table to be voted either up or down. If the committee doesn't have enough information or makes the wrong decision so be it, but the committee needs to bring issues to the table.

Citizen Comments

Ms. Tylenda responded to Sup. Sharkozy's question about how many people have been taken off of Medicaid as a result of the changes at the state level, the total is approximately 3,400-3,500 people.

Overview of Human Services Department Goals and Matrix

The matrix was distributed for review purposes only. The goals will be reported at future meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

June 9 – 2015 Planning Paper & Budget Priorities

July 7 – Public Hearing, Budget Priorities & Matrix

Chairman Cooke referenced the meeting schedule and indicated the first meeting of the month happens and the second meeting of the month only happens if there are agenda items to address.

Discussion took place with regard to the meeting start time and it was decided the time would remain 5:00 p.m. for now.

Board of Health

Mr. Delagrave explained that Aurora currently runs the Western Racine County Health Department. Aurora has decided at the end of 2014 they want to get out of the business of running a health department. That decision essentially led to the question, would the Central Health Department pick-up the remaining communities. That department decided they do not want to be in charge of other communities' health departments nor do they want to be the fiscal agent for those health departments and they have decided to get out of the business of having a health department run by local entities as well.

By state statute the communities affected are required to have a health department and by state statute if they do not want to take on the responsibility, the county has to take on that responsibility. There have been several meetings held with heads of government to discuss what a structure would make up, etc. Caledonia has voted to go along with the county plan to take on this responsibility and most communities will fall in line and want the county to pick it up.

If the county does pick this up it falls under HSD. The current statutes indicate that the county health department would be run by a Board of Health not the Human Services Committee. The Board of Health would be comprised of a delegation from the respective communities, no more than nine and there are more than nine communities.

The county executive and Mr. Delagrave will meet with heads of government to those communities to set-up a governing structure. The Board of Health is nominated by the county executive and confirmed by the County Board. The Board of Health oversees the health department on policy, budget, etc. HSD would charge each community approximately \$6.98 per capita for the next ten years to run the health department.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Delagrave will report more detail at the June meeting. He indicated there will be a county health department by January.

Ridgewood Update

Ridgewood obtained a fifth star on its last survey. The new administrator is doing really well.

The census is doing well.

Ms. Falk inquired about the study. The study results will be presented at the August meeting.

Behavioral Health Services Update

More people continue to be served through the clinic. Without the clinic HSD would not have the amount of services it provides. More revenue continues to be collected through the clinic.

Correspondence and Other Business

The HHD/HSB roster was distributed and updated.

Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 9, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

The 2015 HSD Budget Planning Paper will be reviewed at the June meeting. The committee was told to anticipate a two hour meeting.

Action Items

- Report the percentage or a general number of individuals who may have been insured but are not covered or have to pay more money because the state did not accept the Medicaid expansion money. Also, what if anything that means in terms of individuals who are covered or otherwise would be covered.
- Report Health Department update
- Present Ridgewood study results

Distributions

- Racine County Human Services 2014 Budget Priorities – Timetable dated 3/26/14
- Racine County Health and Human Development Committee/Human Services Board 2014 Meeting Schedule Revised 5/12/14
- Ridgewood Census
- Ridgewood Private Room Waiting List

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly R. Bartel, Recorder