

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, October 24, 2022
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Scott Maier, Eric Hopkins, Robert Miller, Jody Spencer, Marcus West
HSB Present: Scott Maier, Q.A. Shakoor II, Don Trottier, Rhonda Zuck
YIG Present: Margarita Reyes-Pena
Staff Present: Steve Bedwell, Jonathan Delagrave, Jeff Langlieb, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto
Absent: Fabi Maldonado, Jamillah Jallow, Rae McWhorter
Others Present: Carlos Frick, NAMI Racine County
Luann Simpson, NAMI Racine County

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Miss Reyes-Pena read the YIG statement.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes from the September 12, 2022 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. West motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Maier seconded.

Sup. Trottier motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Shakoor II seconded.

YIG: Ms. Reyes-Pena – Aye

Motions carried.

Resolution No. 2022-49 – Resolution by the Finance and Human Resources Committee Authorizing the Acceptance of an ARP Grant for Violent Crime Reduction Initiative from the City of Racine in the Amount of \$85,000 and Transfer of Funds within the Human Service Department 2022 Budget

Director Otto explained that items five, six, and seven already went to Finance because of time sensitivity. This resolution included two separate asks from the governor's allocation to the City of Racine to mitigate violence and current efforts to do so. \$50,000 will expand the Credible Messenger program by one FTE and the other is to provide a unified training protocol for all violent interrupters and crisis responders.

Resolution No. 2022-50 – Resolution by the Finance and Human Resources Committee Authorizing the Acceptance of a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant for Jail Employment services in the Amount of \$892,980 and Transfer of Funds within the Human Service Department 2022 Budget

Director Otto commended the Performance and Analytics team, in particular Travis Richardson, for the information he has compiled over the past five years. This will help the existing partnership with the district attorneys office for workforce diversion in leu of prosecution and enhance that partnership. The details are unknown at this time, exactly how many FTE positions, but it is a multi-year grant. The demonstration of efforts overtime will determine if they can be supplemented through additional grant dollars or embed them in operations, the trial period will determine that

Multi-year Contract with University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Director Otto described a partnership with a national organization for Family Connects that she felt was financially unviable to sustain. Under Jeff Langlieb’s leadership a better alternative was determined to partner with a local academic partner.

Mr. Langlieb reported that the local academic partner is with UWM Dr. Mersky and Dr. Topitzes. The doctors were involved when Family Connects initially rolled out, they understand the basic framework and the shared outcomes that everyone is interested in, like preventing child abuse and neglect and improving health outcomes for people in our community. Family Connects provided a solid framework to start this program, to continue the work RCPH is already doing, and to align this program with focus on prevention. This funding will help build a scientifically sound model. The next six months RCPH will work with the university to develop a logic model. The ask is for the ability to move forward with this contract to get the scientific piece done. When reported back to this committee and County Board, the outcomes will have a solid logic model to back that up.

Supporting Families

Director Otto informed members that Family First legislation officially went into effect October 1. HSD has been laying out the framework for the past five years, supporting families in their home and family preservation and things the spirit of Family First legislation had. When federal comes into play, their intent doesn’t always come out into reality.

Mr. Bedwell referenced the handout Supporting Families In-Home. He explained that in 2018 congress enacted the Families First Prevention Services Act. Its goal was to increase the number of children who remain safely at home with their families. He described the two essential components that came out of that federal legislation, how federal IV-E dollars could be spent by the states, and it sought to curtail the use of congregate group care for children. Youth & Family evaluated the work they did and how they serviced families. They had a high population of children that were in out of home care. Research shows and demonstrates that out of home care is traumatic to children and leads to negative life consequences moving forward. Youth & Family’s efforts were to target that, they redirected resources to significantly reduce the number of children in out of home care. He complimented the hard work of staff in the Youth & Family division for embracing this philosophy. New programming has been implemented and resources were redirected to service families in home and keep children in their home. Mr. Bedwell reported the success rate of the work being done. Racine County’s return to out of home care/re-entry rate is the lowest in the state of Wisconsin.

Mr. Bedwell explained that he and Director Otto sit on a workgroup and one thing they asked of the group is for individuals to assist them in creating a document for County Board members that would support and help in understanding the importance of this work. Director Otto expressed to that group that she has a wonderful County Board who would be more than willing to provide statements of

support. The statements would be used in promotional material. Chairman Miller agreed that members would work collaboratively with Mr. Bedwell and Director Otto to write statements.

Deputy Director Latus provided a Youth Development Care Center (YDCC) update. With the additional money received from the DOC, adjustments will be made to the design. A meeting will be held with the architects this Friday. The hope is to have a design to share at the next meeting.

Correspondence and Other Business

Ms. Simpson introduces Carlos Frick, the new Communications and Advocacy Manager for NAMI. He will attend future meetings. Ms. Simpson is going back into retirement.

Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 14, 2022

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Action Items

- Mr. Bedwell and Director Otto collaborate with the HHD HSB members to create statements.
- by Spring, post a future home of sign on the YDCC site, include a slogan

Distributions

- Resolution No. 2022-49
- Resolution No. 2022-50
- Universal Home Visiting Program Academic Support Memo
- Racine County Youth & Family Supporting Families In-Home

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel