

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, March 13, 2023
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Scott Maier, Robert Miller, Jody Spencer

HSB Present: Rae McWhorter, Scott Maier, Don Trottier, Rhonda Zuck

YIG Present: Margarita Reyes-Pena

Staff Present: Jonathan Delagrave, Andrew Goetz, Patricia Hanson, Melvin Hargrove, Maurice Horton, Hope Otto, Travis Richardson, James Weidner

Excused: Eric Hopkins, Jamillah Jallow, Fabi Maldonado, Q.A. Shakoor II, Marcus West

Others Present: Patrick Bohon, Carlos Frick, Bridget Munson, Troy Wohlt

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

There were no YIG members present at this time to read the statement.

Public Comments

Mr. Patrick Bohon, President of the Board of Directors of the National Alliance of Mental Illness of Racine County (NAMI), commented on the County Executive's announcement earlier today of the plans for the consolidated Behavioral Health Services in Racine. He expressed his gratitude for the unified approach occurring in this county, working together to meet community needs. As an advocacy organization NAMI is advocating at the state level to advance the cause of increased state investments in needed mental health services, as well as a national level. This Thursday NAMI will host an Action on the Square event that will have advocates from around the state meet with state legislative delegations regarding the importance of state involvement ensuring Racine has all the services needed for people experiencing mental illness in our community. Mr. Bohon expressed his appreciation for this significant step forward, NAMI looks forward to collaborating with the County, and to the forward-thinking approach of mental health services in Racine County.

Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2023, 2023 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. Maier motioned for the committee and the board to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Spencer seconded for the committee. Sup. Trottier seconded for the board.

Motions carried.

Report No. 2022-49S Report by the County Executive Making Reappointments to the Racine County Workforce Development Board

Sup. Spencer moved to approve if all are willing. Chairman Miller indicated the County Executive could confirm they are all willing. Sup. Maier seconded.

Motion approved.

Report 2022-52 Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to Commission on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center Board

Sup. Maier moved to approve confirmation. Sup. Spencer seconded.

Motion approved.

Present Youth Development and Care Center Architectural Design

Mr. Troy Wohlt, Architect with Ramlow Stein, presented a 3D facility design of the Youth Development and Care Center (YDCC).

Director Otto acknowledged DA Hanson, Chief Deputy Weidner, Travis Richardson, and Michael Lanzdorf who have been critical partners of this project and stated it couldn't have been done without their expertise.

Sup. Maier requested a copy of the presentation for himself and Sup. Trottier who are the leads on this and the liaisons for the County Board.

Sup. Spencer indicated that she would like to see solar panels installed on the roof of the facility.

Director Otto explained that equally important and critical to the facility is programming in rehabilitation and family integration, as well as other important aspects to try to avoid placing youth in the facility in the first place. The enhanced programming is being designed by a multi-disciplinary team, DA Hanson, Chief Deputy Weidner, Maurice Horton, and Steve Bedwell.

Director Otto distributed a list of YDCC Enhanced Programming and YDDC Timeline Training Schedule and provided an overview. Groundbreaking is tentative for June 1, 2023.

Overview of Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (VCRI) Update

County Executive Delagrave credited and praised Chief Deputy Weidner and DA Hanson for their help with this project, which they are working on in addition to their own full-time jobs.

Chief Deputy Weidner acknowledged the collaboration and partnership established between the County, the City, and the school district and said it has been unprecedented in trying to approach this problem. He described Phase I that is complete. That phase was very data driven and data led based on historic data of where violent incidents have occurred.

Chief Deputy Weidner described the Crisis Management Unit that includes front end outreach and mentorship, the development of violent interrupters, and accountability partners. DA Hanson explained the Crisis Management Unit process. Mr. Horton described how this process has helped versus past incidents. The families involved are grateful. There is follow-up with the families to help guide them and connect them with victim resources. Faith-based members are also involved.

Director Otto referenced the significant overlap of these initiatives with programming planned for the YDCC. The Voices of Black Mothers United (VBMU), the County, along with RUSD, helped to champion the Pledge Against Gun Violence. Starbuck Middle School, Walden, the REAL School, Jerstad, and community centers were all willing participants. Students signed the pledge as part of a national program. The pledge will be expanded this year to include high schools.

Director Otto, County Executive Delagrave, other County staff, the City, and RUSD violence interrupters attended a street outreach training. Mr. Horton provided an overview of the presenters and who attended the training.

Chief Deputy Weidner went on to describe Phase II that focuses on services available to the community through COP Houses, engagement, and outreach.

Director Otto acknowledged Maurice Horton as being a resident expert in COP programming who also has national recognition. She expressed how fortunate Racine is to have him here to deliver in this new and improved version of program and delivery.

Director Otto explained the organizational structure and programming. Mr. Richardson highlighted how unique the collaboration and innovation has been on this project and how data driven this work has been to tailor those place-based services to best meet the needs of the community.

Sup. Spencer asked if there has been contact with the City regarding financial literacy. She also recommended connecting with the Literacy Council for Family Literacy.

Mr. Richardson went over the key program areas, place-based services key programs, community engagement, and community partnerships.

Director Otto informed members there will be a joint website created between RUSD, the City of Racine, and Racine County. It will be housed in a central location with shared ownership.

County Executive Delagrave pointed out that this is not a mandated responsibility for Racine County. He stated we all need to be part of the solution. He again praised DA Hanson and Chief Deputy Weidner and expressed that we all should be appreciative of them being a force behind trying to make this work.

Several members praised the team and expressed their gratitude for the work they're doing.

Correspondence and Other Business

Director Otto announced that she, Sup. Trottier, Vice Chairman Kramer, and Michelle Goggins, will attend another CAP Team Meeting at the Capitol for Human Services Day.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Monday, April 10, 2023.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Action

- Get back to Sup. Maier about sending a copy of the YDCC design presentation to him and Sup. Trottier.

Distributions

- Report No. 2022-49S Report by the County Executive Making Reappointments to the Racine County Workforce Development Board
- Report 2022-52 Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to Commission on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center Board
- Design and Construction Updates Youth Development and Care Center, March 13, 2023
- Racine County YDCC Enhanced Programming March 2023
- YDDC Timeline Training Schedule
- Racine County + City of Racine + RUSD Violent Crime Reduction Initiative March 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel