

**COUNTY OF RACINE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Pamela Zenner-Richards, Chairman
Ronald Molnar, Vice Chairman
John A. Wisch, Secretary

Supervisor Thomas E. Roanhouse
Supervisor Kiana Johnson-Harden
Supervisor Janet Bernberg
Supervisor Robert D. Grove

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**NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

TIME: 6:15 p.m.

PLACE: PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE
STURTEVANT, WI 53177

A G E N D A

1. Public Comments.
2. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2016.
3. Communication from the County Board
 - a. Resolution No.: 118-2015-16 from Outagamie County opposing proposed legislation relating to the referral of cases of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect to the sheriff or police department, coordination of the investigation of those cases and referral of those cases to the district attorney for criminal prosecution.
4. Set next meeting date.
5. Adjournment.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 02, 2016

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Chairman Pamela Zenner-Richards called the meeting of the Government Services Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was attended by Supervisors Molnar, Bernberg, Harden-Johnson, Grove and Roanhouse. Also in attendance was Mark Schaaf from Journal Times, Supervisor Robert Miller and Janet Hoff from WRJN.

Excused: Youth In Governance, Abby Korb

Absent: Supervisor Wisch

#1 – Pamela Zenner-Richards

Supervisor Zenner-Richards waived reading Youth In Governance statement.

#2 – Public Comments

None.

#3 – Approval of Minutes from December 8, January 12th and January 26th meetings.

Action: To approve the minutes from December 8th, January 12th and January 26th meetings as printed. **Motion Passed.**
Moved: Supervisor Molnar. **Seconded:** Supervisor Grove. **Youth Vote:** Aye **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#4 – Sheriff Christopher Schmaling

Sheriff Schmaling spoke about the SEADOG Grant and Government Services Resolution regarding the grant, Courthouse Security and Body Cameras. The Sheriff requested 1st and 2nd Reading for the Resolution by the County Board at its February 9th meeting.

#5 – Resolution from Government Services authorizing the application and acceptance of the 2015 Community Oriented Policing Services Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant.

Action: To approve acceptance of the Grant and send for 1st and 2nd reading at the next County Board meeting, February 9, 2016. **Motion passed.** **Moved:** Supervisor Molnar. **Seconded:** Supervisor Harden-Johnson. **Youth Vote:** Aye **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

#6 – Set next meeting date

The next meeting date will be March 1, 2016.

#8 – Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 6:82 p.m. **Motion Passed.** **Moved:** Supervisor Molnar. **Seconded:** Supervisor Grove. **Vote:** All Ayes, No Nays.

RESOLUTION NO.: 118—2015-16

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Legislation has been proposed which will compromise child welfare best practice. The most
2 significant issue with the proposals is law enforcement involvement in all child welfare
3 cases. The proposed legislation is in sharp contrast to evidence-based practice and creates
4 issues with jurisdiction and confidentiality. The proposals could negatively impact
5 alternative responses such as community and other voluntary services. Additionally, it does
6 not take into consideration the philosophical differences between law enforcement and child
7 welfare agencies.
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9 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services Committee
10 recommend adoption of the following resolution.


11 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does oppose proposed
12 legislation relating to the referral of cases of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect to the sheriff
13 or police department, coordination of the investigation of those cases and referral of those cases to the
14 district attorney for criminal prosecution, and


15 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
16 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Health and Human Services Director, the Outagamie County
17 Executive, all Wisconsin counties, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist who will distribute to the
18 Legislature and Governor.

19 Dated this 8th day of December 2015

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21 Respectfully Submitted,

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23 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

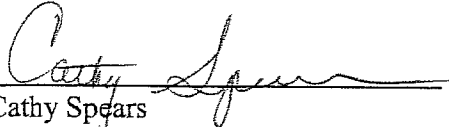
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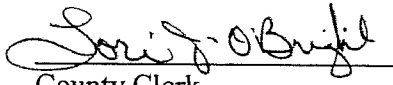
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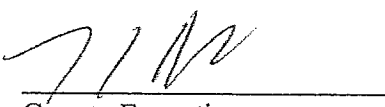
Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: December 8, 2015

Signed: 
Board Chairperson


County Clerk

Approved: 12 10 15

Vetoed: _____

Signed: 
County Executive

OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 326/ASSEMBLY BILL 429 AFFECTING CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 have been introduced by Senator Robert Cowles and Representative John Macco; and

WHEREAS, the bills relate to the referral of cases of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect to the sheriff or police department, coordination of the investigation of those cases, and referral of those cases to the district attorney for criminal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the bills, on their face, might seem favorable, the bills actually compromise child welfare best practice; and

WHEREAS, even though the legislation impacts child welfare practice, the state Department of Children and Families, Office of Children's Mental Health, county child welfare agencies, and child advocacy organizations were not consulted on the legislation; and

WHEREAS, issues with the legislation include the following:

- Law enforcement involvement in all child welfare cases negatively impacts alternative response, community response, and other voluntary services provided to families;
- The legislation is in sharp contrast to evidence-based practice, including trauma-informed care;
- The legislation requires child welfare agencies to "coordinate in the planning and execution of the investigation" in all cases, including screened out cases in which the child welfare agency lacks statutory authority to act;
- The bills require all reports to be referred to law enforcement within 12 hours, allowing for no prioritization of cases;
- The implementation of the legislation has not been thought through, especially when it comes to confidentiality, jurisdictional issues, and the philosophical differences between law enforcement and child welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, counties and law enforcement in most jurisdictions have a positive working relationship and have entered into Memorandums of Understanding with regard to how local agencies will respond to reports of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, counties have requested that the proponents of the legislation bring all parties impacted by the legislation together so all gain an understanding of the others' needs; and

WHEREAS, counties believe a compromise on the legislation can be negotiated; however, such a meeting has yet to take place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the XXXXXX County Board of Supervisors does hereby oppose Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that XXXXXX County renews the request for a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the legislation in greater detail.

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OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 118—2015-16

Supervisor Iverson moved, seconded by Supervisor Trentlage, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 118—2015-16 IS ADOPTED.

1. RABEC	YES	13. VAN ASTEN	YES	25. NOOYEN	YES
2. NAGLER	YES	14. DE GROOT	YES	26. DUNCAN	YES
3. GRADY	YES	VANDENHEUVEL	YES	27. CULBERTSON	YES
4. PATIENCE	YES	16. LEMANSKI	YES	28. STURN	YES
5. IVERSON	YES	17. GROAT	YES	29. BUCHMAN	YES
6. STRENN	Absent	18. SPEARS	YES	30. GRIESBACH	YES
7. HAMMEN	YES	19. STUECK	YES	31. THERN	YES
8. KRUEGER	YES	20. THOMAS	YES	VANDERHEIDEN	YES
9. TRENTLAGE	YES	21. THYSSEN	YES	33. AUSTIN	Absent
10. BEHNKE	Absent	22. HAGEN	YES	34. RETTLER	YES
11. MEYER	YES	23. KLEMP	YES	35. MELCHERT	YES
12. McDANIEL	YES	24. PLEUSS	YES	36. SUPRISE	YES
Item 13	Passed (33 Y - 0 N - 0 A - 3 Absent)			Majority Vote	>