

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, September 10, 2018
Ives Grove Office Complex – Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Kay Buske, Scott Maier, Robert Miller, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

HSB Present: Adam Graf, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

YIG: Ethan Evans

Excused: Elizabeth Falk, Kiana Harden-Johnson, Eric Hillery

Staff Present: Brenda Danculovich, Melvin Hargrove, Ed Kamin, Kathy Karshna, Curt Pruitt, Travis Richardson

Others Present: Ethan Casey

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Mr. Evans read the Youth In Governance Statement.

Public Comment Period Not to Exceed Fifteen (15) Minutes (Each Speaker Shall Be Allotted a Maximum of Three (3) Minutes). The Speaker Shall Speak on Any Topic.

There were no citizen comments.

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

Sup. Miller moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Sup. Trottier seconded.

YIG: Mr. Evans – Aye

The Human Services Board unanimously agreed to approve.

Motion carried.

Report No. 2018-27 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Commission on Aging Board and the Aging and Disability Resource Board

Sup. Miller moved to recommend confirmation to the County Board. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

YIG: Mr. Evans – Aye

Motion carried.

Workforce Updates: Uplift 900, GED, Fast Forward, Job Fest

Deputy Director Danculovich explained that staff are here to describe some of the Workforce Solutions' programs and introduced Kathy Karshna, Workforce Solutions Manager, Travis Richardson, Data Manager, and Melvin Hargrove, Uplift 900 Director.

Ms. Karshna reported Job Fest results:

- Two Job Fests held to date
- More informal family friendly event, block party atmosphere with music and food
- All together 350 attendees
- 20 employers combined
- Employers engaged with attendees
- 10 job offers (5 UNFI & 5 Kerry Spice), 35 pending offers, another 100 will be interviewed
- Very positive results and well received from attendees and employers

The next Job Fest is scheduled for Thursday, October 18 at Veterans Terrace in Burlington. Deputy Director Danculovich invited the committee and board members to attend.

Mr. Richardson reported Fast Forward Award updates and described Community Connectors.

Racine County in partnership with the City of Racine and Gateway Technical College applied for Fast Forward Grants through the Department of Workforce Development. Racine County was awarded over \$300,000 for paid training for a minimum of 100 Racine Co residents in advanced manufacturing, customer service, and hospitality. There were three applications, so collectively we were awarded approximately \$1.1M to train roughly 400 Racine Co residents in trades including construction, logistics, transportation, and a few other industries. That contract is being finalized now, more information will be available soon.

Racine County, along with various community partners, is funding \$90,000 to support Community Connectors, a community based organization that will help engage, recruit, and support trainees through the Fast Forward training process. Request for proposals are out now and the application process will close Friday, September 21. Preference will be given to women, veterans, and minority organizations because they will be focused on targeting 70% of out-of-school youth, ex-offenders, long-term benefit recipients, and other target populations. Another 30% target will be west of the Interstate.

UMOS has offered to pay a stipend of \$7.25 per hour up to 500 hours for placed trainings. This is a benefit to committed employers.

Interested individuals can apply on-line at Greater Racine At Work, a skill based job board. Anyone who does not have access to a computer can go to Human Services and request assistance.

Mr. Richardson reported 509 Program updates. 509 is a high school equivalency diploma program at Workforce Solutions. The diploma can be earned in twenty weeks. The program has been going on for one year and to date there have been 50 graduates, 48 in 2018.

The Department of Instruction recently changed their testing criteria. If someone already passed a subject they can test out of that course and shorten the program.

Feedback from students is that they find it very helpful to be in a classroom setting and have support from other students. A new cohort starts October 1 and runs through February. Individuals can apply on Racine County's website.

Pastor Hargrove reported on Uplift 900. Uplift 900 is a tool of engagement out in the community to connect people to employment and training services and opportunities in Racine County, populate the Greater Racine

At Work.com database, reach out to community organizations to help people get jobs, connect with employers to learn what they need and engage churches. Job Fest was an Uplift initiative.

Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth Planning Update

Deputy Director Danculovich reported that the state of Wisconsin is closing its juvenile correctional facilities at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake in January 2021. In its place the state has determined they want counties and non-profit organizations to build and operate regional correctional facilities that will more closely meet the youths' needs in terms of rehabilitation, education, and mental health. Racine County hasn't decided if we're going to be a part of that, we are in the investigation phase. Ed Kamin, Superintendent of Detention, has been appointed to the Governor's Task Force that is designed to look at and make recommendations to the state for the new facilities. Racine County has not made a decision as to whether they are going to build a facility, they want to have all of the facts to make that decision.

Mr. Kamin referenced ACT 185 that called for the closing of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake by January 1, 2021, and it required the state of Wisconsin to open and operate one or two Type I facilities in two parts of the state. Mr. Kamin described the guidelines for a Type I facility and Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY).

ACT 185 offers the following -- if a county determines to operate a regional center the State will increase its Youth Aids allocation by 15% or \$175,000 whichever is less. If a county or a different facility wants to build, the State of Wisconsin will offer a grant up to 95% of the construction costs to construct a new facility and if that facility serves girls it will cover 100% of the cost for the girls' facility. If you recognize an operating loss from serving girls because of the lower numbers, they will make you whole. Mr. Kamin is part of the Study Committee and there will be a Grant Committee.

There was \$80M allocated statewide and \$40M of that is for SRCCCY. The state of Wisconsin will issue the emergency rule. Racine County operates a Juvenile Detention Center under the DOC 346 Administrative Rule. It can be one to five years to complete a new administrative rule. The state departments have a process that allows them to do an emergency rule, so they are in the process of creating a DOC 347 that will guide the SRCCCYs. Those are to be released in draft format by December 17 and out to the counties by December 31 which is also the date the applications for the grant to build a new facility will be out and are due by March 31. Because of that compressed timeline Racine County is doing its due diligence to bring information back to this committee and the full board to make an educated decision.

Mr. Kamin explained the Study Committee results.

Mr. Kamin reported that Racine County was awarded a \$250,000 grant to do a Credible Messenger Program, which is a youth mentoring program. The RFP is being created and further information will be shared moving forward.

Budget Priorities

Deputy Director Danculovich reported highlights. In addition to Mr. Kamin's report, Racine County continues to have zero recidivism. Kenosha County recently complimented Racine County's ACE Program, the benefits to youth, and the positive outcomes. In ACE the kids get caught up on their credits and at Lincoln Hills children fall behind.

In addition to Vivitrol, Suboxone will be offered in Racine County. The State said counties should offer more than one alternative.

One of the receiving homes is licensed and as of today they should be available to take children. The other home had a change in state liaisons and were given the wrong paperwork, so they're still in the licensing process.

Correspondence and Other Business

Sup. Trottier announced that Mount Pleasant Day is scheduled for September 15, he invited members to attend and distributed flyers.

Next Meeting Date – October 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, 14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant

Adjournment

Sup. Buske motioned to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Sup. Trottier seconded.

The Human Services Board agreed to adjourn.

YIG: Mr. Evans – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Action Items

- Send Fast Forward Community Connectors and Greater Racine at Work links to members.
- ADRC updates at the next meeting
- Income Maintenance Funding update at next meeting

Distributions

- Report No. 2018-27 – Report by the County Executive Making an Appointment to the Racine County Commission on Aging Board and the Aging and Disability Resource Board (Shirley Humburg)
Resolution Request - General Workforce Solutions Support Fund
- Youth Correctional Facility Study Committee Report
- Human Services Budget Priorities – August 2018
- Mount Pleasant Day 2018 Flyer

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly R. Bartel