

**JOINT MEETING OF THE RACINE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Monday, January 14, 2019
Ives Grove Office Complex – Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177**

HHD Present: Kay Buske, Eric Hillery, Scott Maier, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

HSB Present: Elizabeth Falk, Eric Hillery, Brett Nielsen, Don Trottier

YIG: Molly Brown

Excused: Ethan Evans, Adam Graf, Susan Lange-Pruitt, Robert Miller

Staff Present: Beverly Baker, Brenda Danculovich, Jonathan Delagrave, Pam Larson, Kristin Latus, Hope Otto, Curt Pruitt, Travis Richardson

Call to Order

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

Chairman Comments/Youth In Governance Statement

Ms. Brown 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.

Ms. Baker introduced and welcomed Pam Larson. Ms. Larson is the new Positive Youth Development Extension Educator who will be staffing the Youth In Governance (YIG) Committee, the Government Services and working with the YIG Program.

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Racine County Health and Human Development Committee & Human Services Board

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

YIG Brown - Aye

Motion carried.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Updates

Director Otto provided an overview of the WIOA structure, she referenced the changes that DWD and DOL are looking to make for our region, and how Racine County is unique and differs from other regions.

The WIOA partnership does not fit into Racine County's innovative practices, Workforce Solutions has been penalized and told to change programming. WIOA will not fund anyone over the age of 24 for the GED program. WIOA requires those who already have a high school diploma, who are gaining credentials, and does not want to pay for the high school diploma. Racine County can only target individuals between the ages of 18 and 24. WIOA doesn't find that utilizing Uplift 900 or a more grassroots approach for community

outreach should be payable and will only provide training services for individuals who are already more job ready.

HSD will likely not bid on the current RFP for WIOA services in March. WIOA will always be a service offered in Racine County. Director Otto is suggesting to not bid on it and allow a non-profit to run it regionally. The County Executive would still have a seat on the southeast board, but Racine County wouldn't provide the direct service. County Executive Delagrave stated that this is a substantial shift in philosophy.

Director Otto reported how admin and program support dollars have been lost with the regionalization of WIOA and FSET. County Executive Delagrave described the administrative structure of WIOA and how policy is determined. Director Otto said they're slowly chipping away at all the things that used to support the program. She cannot say this makes financial sense or be in the best interest for the County to bid on it.

Discussion ensued. Director Otto's goal is to diversify funding dramatically. When other programs come out for competitive bid, for instance FSET, we will bid on it.

Ms. Latus reported current WIOA performance updates.

With the HSED program, staff are looking at individuals ages 18-24 and how to partner with RUSD to address seniors who are at risk of not graduating, they are all WIOA eligible cost individuals. When those individuals receive their HSED they can be filtered into Fast Forward training and then to employers who have hiring agreements.

The Hospitality cohort, Fast Forward Grant, has started and is full. Workforce Solutions is partnering with Gateway and RAMAC who hold the other Fast Forward contracts. Fast Forward is another available resource with just as much training dollars for our community as WIOA, however there are no admin dollars. Fast Forward only pays for specific training. Staff are looking at WIOA, Fast Forward, and Uplift 900 to filter people in and do some wrap around support and services within the department. Some certifications have a written exam with required education levels. Courses are offered to help raise levels. Depending on the program high school diplomas may or may not be required.

Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY)

Racine County submitted a letter in support of the new model that is more rehabilitative like our ACE Program. County Executive Delagrave and Director Otto have met with legislators about advocating for changes that will make it a more financially viable option for the County. They'll meet with representatives Wednesday at the WCA Advocacy Day, to talk about our intent to apply and talk about our concerns.

Ms. Danculovich explained what steps have been taken since the State announced they are pulling out of providing correctional care for youth. A formal presentation will be provided at the February 11 meeting. The County has met with Venture Architects who did the space study for the whole county. The County is looking at various options if it chooses to build a facility. The State will no longer provide correctional care for youth effective January 2021. The options are for counties to provide services themselves, they can regionalize services, or allow non-profit facilities to build correctional facilities.

We have decided that in this area many kids will come from Racine and Kenosha areas, so it may be in our best interest to build a regional facility to serve surrounding counties other than Milwaukee. A site has not been selected. We are working with the architect to examine various layouts for such a facility. The facility would provide all services the kids need including green space. The facility would serve as both a correctional program for youth who are post-adjudication and a detention center for youth awaiting court hearings (pre-adjudication). Two categories of youth who would not come to a county operated regional facility include those youth under 17 but convicted as adults and young people who have committed certain serious offenses.

Those groups would be under the purview of the State. The State is building two Type One facilities to house those young people.

Ms. Danculovich distributed two possible facility concepts and explained the reason for each option. Also distributed was an estimated schedule of planning and discussions. The timeline is to submit a schematic design to the state by March 2019. County Executive Delagrave explained that there may be a commission put together similar to what was done for Ridgewood. The group would include those who work with the youth. With the expedited timeline input is needed. A lot of work has to be done within the next 12 weeks. If we don't do anything, we'll be forced to send our youth to facilities far from Racine which is not beneficial for their education, rehabilitation and re-integration back into their families. Furthermore, Racine County would still be financially and legally liable for these youth.

County Executive Delagrave explained that Director Otto has met with other counties, Kenosha County will sign a letter of support and he believes others may.

Discussion ensued. Anyone interested in serving on the commission is asked to contact County Board Chair Clark.

Budget Priorities Update

Director Otto reported highlights. Starting next month, the new format will be presented.

Chairman Maier asked if the government shutdown is affecting Racine County programs. Director Otto said the biggest concern would be Food Share through SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, funding if the shutdown continues into February.

Ms. Falk said if anyone is interested in doing taxes there is still time to be trained. Anyone not interested in doing taxes can help by being a greeter, there is also training for that. Tax preparation begins in February.

Ms. Falk also announced that the HOPES Center Talent Show is March 9, if you'd like to perform or buy a ticket contact the Sienna Center or the HOPES Center.

Next Meeting Date – February 11, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – Ives Grove Office Complex, 14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant

Adjournment

Sup. Trottier motioned to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Sup. Nielsen seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Distributions

- Racine County | Racine County SRCCCY – Juvenile Detention Center Study | *Progress Report* January 8, 2019
- Human Services Budget Priorities – December 2018

Respectfully submitted by,

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