

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
January 4, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Dayvin Hallmon, Mike Goebel, Greg Retzlaff, Leah Blough, Erin Decker

Committee Members Absent: David Arrington, Anita Johnson

Excused Absence: Sara Klimisch-YIG, Jasmine Zeidan-YIG

Staff Present: John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros, Doug Bartz

Others Present: County Board Supervisor Rick Dodge

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dayvin Hallmon, Chair. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen's Comments – None

3. Approval of Minutes: November 2, 2015 (HSC) (on tape @ 02:21)

Motion to approve the HSC meeting minutes of 11-2-15 by Supervisor Michael Goebel, seconded by Supervisor Erin Decker. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Re-appointment of Julie Housaman to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board. (on tape @ 02:37)

5. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Re-appointment of Rick Dodge to the Kenosha County Commission of Aging.

6. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Re-appointment of John O'Day to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

7. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Re-appointment of Robert Pitts to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

John Jansen stated all four (4) resolutions are re-appointments. All are regular attendees.

MOTION to approve items 4 through 7 by Michael Goebel, seconded by Leah Blough. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Job Center/WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Update (on tape @ 04:23)

Doug Bartz distributed and reviewed a draft schedule of the SE WI WDA WIOA Plan Development. The State has required each Workforce Development area to come up with a plan. The region consists of Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties. Kenosha is the fiscal agent for managing this. The deadline to get the plan in to the State is March 31, 2016. The plan usually ends up being 500-600 pages. This would include any attachments or addendums.

Doug added that they have pulled in help from the outside. John Milisaukas has been brought back in as a LTE to help develop our plan under the new policies and law. The staff writing the plan are Doug Bartz, John Milisaukas, Mark Mundl, Sarah Street, Karen Burns and Mark Leemkuil.

Doug stated we are looking for the LEO and WDB Executive Committee to review this plan on Feb 8th. This needs to occur before it can be placed on the website for public comment. The plan covers all the policies and procedures under the WIA law including labor market business input, customer input and meeting all the requirements of the actual law.

Doug stated Business Services changed this year. Business Services use to track down companies. This year Business Services doesn't have time to do that. Business are calling looking for people to work. There were 76 onsite recruitments up until November 2015. All the onsite recruitments for 2015 were companies calling us. There were 1,100 people that attended the recruitments. Targeted recruitments were at 2,100 attendees.

There were 3 job fairs for 2015 with 1,300 people attending. There were 800 people who showed for the first job fair with 500 people showing up for the remaining two. The job fairs are losing their impact. When applicants come to the job fair the business are taking their resume and telling people to apply online.

The Workforce Development Board assigned a staff member to process and issue work permits at the Boys and Girls club. There were 2,200 work permits processed by November for youth. This number increased dramatically from years prior.

Supervisor Goebel asked if it was harder to find help with the larger companies coming in. Discussion continued on how it has become a much more competitive market. .

Doug Bartz review the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) handout. (On tape 25:53)

Doug stated we are still trending exactly as we have for years and years. We use the same definition as the State does. The trends now are returning to how they were pre-recession.

9. Mental Health Issues Update (on tape 33:35)

LaVerne Jaros stated the meetings and interviews have concluded and the consultants are working on the final report which should be completed by the end of the month. The meetings with all the providers, hospitals, Community Health Center, Judges, Corporation Counsel, law enforcement, consumers, NAMI) are completed and DHS is pleased with how willing everyone is to collaborate and work with us.

LaVerne noted that everybody is having problems recruiting psychiatrists. LaVerne stated that St Luke's is willing to work with us in regards to the beds. Out of the study we hope to see some changes with the KARE Center. We are restricted by an old building and fixed number of beds. There will be recommendations to change this.

LaVerne reported that there is an opportunity grant (Healthy Wisconsin Partnership Program) that UW Madison and UW Milwaukee have foundation dollars. The focus of grants available is for mental health. By Feb. 1st we will be submitting a grant request for a one year planning period. There is \$200,000 available.

10. Such Other Business As Authorized By Law - None

11. Committee Members Comments - None

12. Adjournment: (on tape @ 56.22)

It was moved to adjourn by Michael Goebel, seconded by Erin Decker. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret DesArmo
Senior Administrative Assistant