

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

Bridges Community Center

Committee Members Present: Michael Goebel-Chair, Dayvin Hallmon-Vice Chair, Rick Dodge, Leah Blough, Greg Retzlaff, John Poole, Andy Berg
Tyler McCarthy-YIG, Hannah Sorensen-YIG

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: LaVerne Jaros, Frances Petrick

Others Present: Jeannine Field, and Byron Wright (KHDS)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Michael Goebel, Chair. Roll call was taken.
2. Citizen's Comments - None
3. Approval of HSC Minutes – May 3, 2016
Motion to approve the Human Services Committee meeting minutes of May 3 2016 by John Poole, seconded by Leah Blough. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. Resolution to Approve Authorizing Brookside Care Center to Participate in the Leading Choice Network.
Francis Petrick, Administrator, Brookside Care Center, explained how the Leading Choice Network will benefit Brookside Care Center. Ms. Petrick stated that the Leading Choice Network is a provider network intended to maximize the health and well-being of individuals in the community through innovative, cost-effective care management practices and quality improvement activities involve in managed care.

Fran stated the benefit of the network is that they have a person who would negotiate rates on our behalf because they have clinical data/documentation or more leverage to negotiate favorable terms and contracts.

Motion to approve authorizing Brookside Care Center to participate in the Leading Choice Network by Rick Dodge, seconded by Leah Blough. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Dr. Mario B Maritato to the Kenosha County Board of Health.

Motion to approve appointment by Rick Dodge, seconded by Leah Blough. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
6. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Dr. Brian Wolf to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board.

Motion to approve appointment by Rick Dodge, seconded by Leah Blough. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
7. Presentation of KHDS Mental Health Services

Byron Wright, Executive Director, Kenosha Human Development Services, Inc. introduced himself and Jeannine Field, Associate Director. Byron gave a summary on the Bridges Community Center and stated it is a drop in center for people with severe and persistent mental issues. The Bridges Community Center, Inc. provides a safe space for persons living with mental illness. It is a peer support recovery center operated by adults living with mental illness.

Jeannine explained how you become an actual member of the Bridges Community Center. Part of the membership package is that you have to attend the group meetings and complete a well action recovery plan. There are usually 8 to 10 people in a group.

Jeannine reviewed the Bridges Community Center Annual Report for 2015. In 2015, 41 people walked through the door every day. The monthly average was 175. Lunch is served every day and hot lunch twice a week.

Rick Dodge stated he was impressed with how well the building is kept up. He added we are keeping these people out of a much more expensive mental health facility thus saving the county a lot of money. Mr. Dodge pointed out that the center isn't open on Saturday. He stated it would be a real advantage to have the Bridges Community Center open on Saturday for those people who work during the day and still need help. Mr. Dodge stated he supports this and hopes we can improve.

Mr. Retzlaff asked if various agencies recommended people here. Jeannine stated it is through word of mouth. There is a staff person who goes to the hospitals and does outreach. They work with community support programs who steer people to Bridges. Also the consumer's therapists, psychiatrists and probation officers tell them about Bridges.

Mr. Retzlaff asked if there was data on people who don't come back to the center. Jeannine stated they can pull reports as data is kept. They can see who has dropped off the lists. There is a person who will contact them to find out the reason why they stopped attending.

Byron Wright added that there are people who will always come here just because of the support and community. Byron stated there is an enormous stigma to mental illness. People are scared of people who are mentally ill. When you are at Bridges that stigma doesn't exist. People come because they want to be here.

Andy Berg asked where the funding was coming from for the Bridges Community Center. Byron stated Kenosha County funds it approximately \$90,000/year. NAMI has also given Bridges dollars as well as personal donations from the community. Andy Berg asked about hours being extended to 8:30 p.m. Jeannine added that most of the consumers travel by public transportation and the cut off time is 6:30 p.m. for buses. Andy Berg wanted to know if Bridges surveyed to find out if some of these folks were previous incarcerated. Jeannine stated Bridges doesn't keep specific data on criminal history.

8. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law: None

9. Committee Member Comments

Leah Blough introduced the Youth in Governance members, Tyler McCarthy and Hannah Sorensen.

Rick Dodge reminded Michael Goebel about bringing Deputy District Attorney Graveley into our next HSC meeting. Michael Goebel stated he has to speak with John Jansen about this. Michael Goebel spoke about Deputy District Attorney Graveley's heroin presentation in Kenosha County that he happened to see.

Byron Wright handed out a booklet titled Information Please. It is a directory of community service information. He added that KHDS has been putting it together for the last 24 years. He stated Happenings Magazine prints it and distributes 32,000 copies of the resource directory.

10. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Rick Dodge, seconded by Andy Berg. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Human Services Committee then toured the Bridges Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret DesArmo
Senior Administrative Assistance, DWD