

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 @ 5:30 pm.
Administration Building, 2nd Floor Committee Room

Committee Members Present: Michael Goebel, Dayvin Hallmon, Andy Berg,
Leah Blough, Rick Dodge, John Poole, Greg Retzlaff

Youth in Governance Members Present: Tyler McCarthy

Youth in Governance Members Absent: Hannah Sorensen

Staff Present: John Jansen, LaVerne Jaros

Others Present: Aaron Carlstrom, UWP-Psychology Department (email: carlstro@uwp.edu)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Goebel. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen's Comments: Aaron Carlstrom was present at the meeting and stated he is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin Parkside. He added they are in the planning phase of a new masters and clinical mental health program at U.W. Parkside. He commented that he is in attendance to find out what is going on in the community regarding mental health.

3. Approval of HSC Minutes – 08/02/16 (on tape at 2:20)

Motion to approve the HSC meeting minutes of 8/2/16 by John Poole, seconded by Dayvin Hallmon. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Kenosha County Mental Health System Update (on tape at 2:50)

John Jansen distributed a handout on the mental health study follow up. LaVerne Jaros reported on handout. LaVerne added they have made a lot of progress since the beginning of year. The attachment listed the study recommendations and responses.

5. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law: None

John Jansen stated the HSC/HSB Budget Meeting will take place on October 20, 2016 at the Job Center Human Services Building North 2 Conference Room. It will start at 5:00 pm.

Aaron Carlstrom reiterated they are in the planning stages of the new master's program for mental health counseling at U.W. Parkside. Mr. Carlstrom indicated they are hoping to have students enter the program two years from now, September 2018. Hopefully they will hire two new faculty that will be starting next fall to teach in counseling and clinical areas of psychology. This area of program will prepare students to be a licensed professional counselor in the State of Wisconsin. It will be the standard 3 year program the State is requiring. Aaron added he is anticipating most of the students would be coming from the Kenosha and Racine areas and hopefully will stay and work in the area. Aaron stated he is in attendance to gain some valuable information in terms of mental health needs in Kenosha.

Mr. Goebel stated we are in need of counselors and psychiatrists as there is a mental health crisis occurring.

Mr. Hallmon asked what the trend is for students looking at this field of study. Mr. Carlstrom stated the psychology major which is the undergraduate major at Parkside is one of the largest majors on campus. They also offer as part of the undergraduate degree a mental health certificate. The reason for the mental health certificate is to give students who want to work with the undergraduate degree courses on clinical interviewing, counseling, and cognitive prevention skills. It is also for students who are looking to go to graduate school. It is the largest certificate program at U. W. Parkside.

Mr. Berg asked what interaction there are to get the students to know what opportunities exist. Aaron Carlstrom stated in his undergraduate classes he is addressing policy issues perspectives. He added one of the reasons he is at the Human Services Committee is to build relationships because part of the program these students need is to be completely involved on counseling internships. Aaron added they also need to have people in the mental health field come to U.W. Parkside's campus and speak to the students in their first year so they can see the faces of the people of the community and be familiar with the programs.

6. Committee Members Comments: None

7. Adjournment (on tape at 30:40)

It was moved to adjourn by Rick Dodge, seconded by Leah Blough. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret DesArmo
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