

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
June 5, 2018 @ 6:15 pm
Kenosha County Medical Examiner's Office

Committee Members Present: Bill Grady, Dayvin Hallmon, Gabe Nudo, Andy Berg, David, Celebre, and Zach Rodriguez.

Committee Members Excused: Michael Goebel

Youth in Governance Present: Chance Ciskowski, Isabella Ricker

Staff Present: John Jansen, Patrice Hall, Bob Pitts, Barb Wisnefski, Judy Jensen

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Chairman Grady. Roll call was taken and everyone was present with the exception of Mike Goebel.

2. Citizen's Comments

Bob Pitts thanked the committee for agreeing to approve the addition of two new Brookside Board of Trustees, Barb Wisnefski and Judy Jensen. He also stated that he would like the Human Services Committee members to call him for a tour of the newly renovated Brookside. Chairman Grady, likewise, thanked the new appointees and welcomed them aboard to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018, was made by Dayvin Hallmon, seconded by Andy Berg. Youth in Governance (YIG) were also asked for their approval and it was given. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Supervisor John O'Day to the Kenosha County Board of Health

Motion to approve the resolution for the re-appointment of John O'Day to the Kenosha County Board of Health. Motion was made to approve by Andy Berg, seconded by Gabe Nudo. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Resolution to Approve the Re-appointment of Dr. Diane Gerlach to the Kenosha County Board of Health

Motion to approve the resolution for the re-appointment of Dr. Diane Gerlach to the Kenosha County Board of Health. Motion was made to approve by David Celebre, seconded by Dayvin Hallmon. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Resolution to Approve the appointment of Judy Jensen to the Brookside Board of Trustees

Motion to approve the resolution for the appointment of Judy Jensen to the Brookside Board of Trustees. Motion was made to approve by Gabe Nudo, seconded by Zach Rodriguez. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Resolution to Approve the appointment of Barb Wisnefski to the Brookside Board of Trustees

Motion to approve the resolution for the appointment of Barb Wisnefski to the Brookside Board of Trustees. Motion was made to approve by Gabe Nudo, seconded by Dayvin Hallmon. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Presentation: By Patrice Hall, Medical Examiner

Patrice Hall discussed the difference between a Medical Examiner and a Coroner and noted the she, herself, is a Medical Examiner. A Coroner is elected and a Medical Examiner is appointed and hired. She discussed the role of the Medical Examiner's office in Wisconsin and noted that they are an independent investigating agency. Ms. Hall also delved into the meticulousness of autopsy examinations and the six areas that they look at: 1) Weighing/examining each organ, 2) Toxicology, 3) Histology, 4) Microbiology, 5) Collection of evidence and 6) Photographing/documentation of findings. In addition, Ms. Hall discussed the Kenosha County Medical Examiner's (KCMEO) caseload and a slide was presented to substantiate the fact that the deaths referred to the KCMEO keep going up every year. Ms. Hall noted, in the ensuing slide, statistics indicating that Kenosha County toxicity deaths are also on the rise. Ms. Hall informed the Committee that she founded the Kenosha County Opioid Task Force (KCOTF) in February 2017 and it is based on the Lake County Opioid Initiative/Chicago Area Opioid Task Force model. Ms. Hall's presentation was well received with many questions asked and answered.

9. Committee Members Comments

Chairman Grady has asked that we move our next meeting to July 10, 2018, instead of July 3, 2018, due to the 4th of July holiday. The meeting will take place in the Administration building, as usual.

10. Any Other Business as Authorized by Law

None

11. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Zach Rodriguez, seconded by Dayvin Hallmon. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

12. Tour of Medical Examiner's Office

After the meeting adjourned, a tour of the Medical Examiner's new office was given to those who were interested. Many stayed to tour the facility and several commented on how impressive the new location is.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Claudio
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Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)