

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Human Services Committee was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Hoyer, Supervisor Brusky, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor De Wane, Supervisor Linssen
Also Present: Health & Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Director of Community Programs Nancy Fennema, Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert, Health Director Anna Destree, other interested parties.

Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board Office at (920) 448-4015

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoyer at 5:30 pm.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of March 29, 2017.**

Motion made by Supervisor Brusky, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public: None.

Report from Human Services Chair, Erik Hoyer:

Chair Hoyer reiterated his thanks to the ADRC for hosting the last meeting and indicated he enjoyed seeing their facility.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. Aging & Disability Resource Center (February 23, 2017).
- b. Children with Disabilities Education Board (February 27 and March 23, 2017).
- c. Human Services Board (February 9, 2017).
- d. Mental Health Treatment Committee (March 15, 2017).
- e. Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (March 21, 2017).

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to suspend the rules to take Items 1 a-e together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve Items 1 a-e. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

2. **Communication from Supervisor Schadewald re: I request a review of contracted service contracts in the Human Services and Health Department Division be done by the Human Services Committee. *Referred from April County Board.***

Supervisor Schadewald informed this is the beginning of what he has talked about in the past. He feels contracted service contracts need to be reviewed way before the budget hearing and he would like to talk about how best to proceed. He would like to see a list of all contracts so that a strategy can be developed. Schadewald would also like

the Committee to be made aware of any information regarding things like grants ending and programs not being funded as soon as possible and well in advance of the budget process. He feels we need to start looking at contracted services in some coordinated fashion prior to the budget hearing.

Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl said he appreciated Schadewald bringing this forward and agreed that this is an area they could spend a little bit more time on. His department reviews contracts continuously throughout the year. There are annual contracts that are reviewed towards the end of the year but they also get communications throughout the year from providers who ask for things like rate increases or service changes and those are reviewed as they come in. They also get feedback throughout the year regarding performance so contracts are reviewed in that process as well. All contracts are reviewed at least annually and then there are also periodic reviews as needed.

Director of Community Programs Nancy Fennema explained that the contract process is a little easier since Family Care came into play because prior to Family Care the number of contracts was much larger. Human Services still does a good amount of business based on contracts and the majority of the contracts are mandated. Fennema estimated that Human Services has roughly 300 – 400 contracts at this time. Schadewald would like to see a breakdown of all contracts so they can be reviewed. Pritzl said for the most part the contracts for the mandated services stay pretty static from year to year. Schadewald would like to look into the more discretionary contracts in greater detail. Fennema informed some of the contracts have been in place for a very long time, but others are newer and very fluid. She said there is a little bit of everything and the list of contracts comes before this Committee every month. Fennema added that it would be important to include the Contract Manager in further discussions regarding the contracts. Pritzl said the list of non-mandated contracts can be produced pretty easily because it is a relatively short list. He has done some digging into some of those contracts and found that at some point in time there were efforts or discussions to reduce or change certain areas, but typically they were reinstated or even expanded in some instances during the budget process.

Supervisor Linssen agreed that it would be helpful to have some of the context to review. Hoyer appreciated Schadewald bringing this forward and suggested that we work on a timeline. Since summer is typically a quieter time for the Committee Hoyer feels it would be a good time to start working on this.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane that the Human Services Committee get a report of all contracts from the Human Services Department no later than the July meeting and the Committee start to review all contracted services no later than the July meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-Anthony Alvarado, RISE Together

Alvarado said they are really looking forward to having an opportunity to work with Brown County as they continue to span across the State. They originally proposed to work with up to 30 schools in an 18 month program as well as launch a variety of student-led programs and activities. With their full-time staff and national advisory board, RISE Together has a lot of people on deck to help make sure the programs are given to Brown County and supported long-term. They would like to start getting a better idea of what type of cycle they can fall into and if there is anything else they can do to increase their due diligence. RISE Together has an "all hearts on table" attitude with their programming, strategies, financial projections, letters of recommendation and student and teacher testimonies which they have shared with Brown County. They have done everything they can to show their validation, strengths and abilities for this type of preventative model to take place in Brown County. As with any organization, RISE Together is looking at a different cycle and if something will not be available this year, they would like to get some idea of when and up to when and if there is anything else they can do in between those times.

-Douglas Darby, RISE Together

Darby agreed with Alvarado and said there seems to be an understanding that RISE Together will eventually work in Brown County and he just wants the Committee to know that they continue to push right along with

the Committee and the County and they are still gung ho. RISE Together realizes that the County is more bricks and mortar and they are a lot more fluid.

De Wane said he would like to see this programming get going sooner rather than later. He has kids and is familiar with RISE Together and he will fight for this this year as he knows what RISE Together has done and what they bring to the table. De Wane feels this would be very valuable to the community and he sees the need in the community from his work with the City and the County. He would like the Committee to try to do something on this sooner rather than later.

Hoyer thanked RISE Together for attending this meeting and said they know how to get in touch with the Committee. He said that this is something they do not want to drop, but at the same time, they do not want to string them along; it is finding a balance and Hoyer would like to work as a team to try to find some way to create something.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wind Turbine Update

3. Receive new information – Standing Item.

Schadewald informed that Dr. Coussons would be available on the evening of the July County Board meeting and he would like to have a special Human Services Committee meeting on that evening at 6:15 pm. Then, if necessary, the item could be pulled during the regular Board meeting so the Board could ask any questions they have if they are unable to attend the special Human Services meeting. Hoyer informed he has spoken with Board Chair Moynihan about having a presentation by Dr. Coussons at a Board meeting but Moynihan has been resistant to this. Hoyer feels doing this under the auspices of a special meeting of this Committee is a good strategy.

Linssen asked what the goal of having a Q & A session with Dr. Coussons in front of the full Board is as opposed to bringing in someone from the Health Department to update the Board. Schadewald responded that people feel they need to hear from a doctor to have questions answered and he feels this is the best plan to meet the needs. Linssen pointed out that the State Department of Health and other organizations at the State level have made determinations that the wind turbines are not health hazards. If we are bringing in someone who is advocating for a certain position, Linssen feels there should also be someone from the State Department of Health or another organization to present at the same time. He hesitates to put someone who is advocating for a specific cause in front of the County Board to push their ideas forward without having the counter balancing discussion. Linssen would not have a problem with bringing Dr. Coussons to a Human Services meeting to discuss this. Hoyer said the rationale was to get as many Board members as possible to come to a meeting to hear Dr. Coussons and it was determined that the night of a Board meeting would be the best time to do that.

Linssen said he would oppose a motion on this because he does not agree with holding special meetings for specific individuals to come and discuss an issue like this. Schadewald responded that every special meeting he has been at, someone is there because they want something and they do not bring the opposite side in. Linssen said if the special meeting is held, the agenda should clearly indicate what the purpose of the meeting is and if it is to do a Q & A with Dr. Coussons, that is what the agenda should say. De Wane agreed with Linssen and will also oppose a motion.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky that the Human Services Committee hold a special meeting at 6:15 pm on July 19, 2017 and invite Dr. Coussons for questions and answers. Vote taken. Ayes: Schadewald, Hoyer, Brusky Nays: Linssen, De Wane MOTION CARRIED 3 TO 2

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

-Nate Johnson, 6080 Glenmore Road, Denmark, Wisconsin

Johnson works for Duke Energies. He asked if the public would be able to ask questions of Dr. Coussons at the special meeting. Schadewald said if there is a motion to suspend the rules the public would be able to ask questions. Johnson asked if Dr. Coussons' credentials would be made available to the public. Linssen recalled that Dr. Coussons provided the Board with a packet of papers and he would be able to get that information to Johnson if he desired.

Linssen asked if the July 19 special meeting will focus on Dr. Coussons only, or if other interested parties will be able to ask questions. Schadewald said that during a public meeting, the public can always ask to speak and he will make a motion to hear from interested parties if there are people who want to speak. Linssen said his concern is how things are listed on the agenda and he would ask the Chair to take this all into consideration when it comes time to put the agenda together.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

De Wane said Duke Energies would be able to ask questions of Dr. Coussons, but they would not be able to bring anything else forward. Linssen feels if there is a special meeting to ask questions of an expert, that if there are other experts that wish to have questions asked of them, they should be afforded the opportunity as an agenda item as well. Schadewald said this would not necessarily have to happen at the same time.

Human Services Department

4. Resolution re: 2016 Balance Budget Adjustment.

Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl informed that this is different than in years past and said that there is no appropriation coming from any fund balance for Community Program and there is actually money going to fund balance. There were some expenses that were over budget and those are highlighted. Mental health placements were slightly above budget and so were some out-of-home care costs for children. The revenues were also over budget as there was a favorable cost settlement in the Medicaid cost reporting which helped quite a bit. Overall there is money going into the fund balance for Community Programs.

The Community Treatment Center side did not come out the same way. Pritzl said if they would have continued with the model that they had in place as originally designed, this would have been a different picture and there probably would have been a small surplus there as well. Instead, Human Services had to adjust the billing based on the Department of Health Services feedback and this resulted in significant changes to revenues, especially in the CBRF and fund balance for the CTC had to be used for that.

Finance Manager Eric Johnson informed that the net revenue over expenses for Community Programs for 2016 is \$316,000.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Executive Director's Report.

Pritzl referred to his report in the agenda packet and talked about the Wisconsin County Human Services Association and Wisconsin County Association Human Services Day at the Capitol which was held on April 5, 2017. Under Children and Families, Brusky referred to the incentive payments referred to which are estimated to be \$100,000 and asked for an explanation on this. Pritzl responded that those are funds that the County receives for overpayments. The County gets to retain a portion of the overpayments to offset the cost of the fraud investigations.

Linssen asked about the 17 year olds in the juvenile justice system and if there has been any discussion regarding changing the rules of trying a juvenile as an adult. Pritzl explained there are different proposals regarding this. The most-recent proposal focused on non-violent first time offenders so it was not all 17 year

olds and it was not that blanket jurisdiction for adult court is 18. The County Association has not weighed in as to what way to go as far as overall jurisdiction; the position has just been that if they are brought back to the juvenile system, there has to be some funding to support this.

Hoyer asked how Brown County compares to the Health and Human Services Departments of other counties. Pritzl responded that every county is different and there is basically a standard package of services, but funding priorities and decisions are still a local decision in the State of Wisconsin.

Pritzl also spoke about the family and court visitation situation. He has looked internally at what the cost would be if they used their structure in terms of staffing and other operational costs such as rent. The estimate came out to be \$115,404 to provide the services in-house. This is not far off from what other organizations said they could provide the services for. Pritzl said that talking about this internally brought up a significant number of concerns with regard to overlap. He also looked at other counties and there is not uniformity in offering visitation. Some counties do not have a formal program and it was not clear where it was funded or where it was placed in the counties that do. It does not look like the cost of doing this in-house is that much different, but this is not something that would necessarily fall under the Human Services Department.

With regard to Pritzl's estimate, Linssen asked if it is likely to be the same no matter what department this would fall under. Pritzl expected the figures to look very similar across the County. Schadewald asked if the County not doing this would create a gap of a legitimate service. Pritzl responded that if there is no funding and it is not structured, the service would not exist. Linssen asked if the same overlap issues would exist if this program was put under the Family Court system. Pritzl responded that this would have to be looked at overall as a Family Court program and noted that some other counties have these services under their Family Court programs.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor De Wane to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Statistical Reports.

- a. CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked.
- b. Monthly CTC Data - Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.
- c. Child Protection - Child Abuse/Neglect Report.
- d. Monthly Contract Update.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to suspend the rules and take Items 7 a-d together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file Items 7 a-d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Request for New Non-Continuous and Contract Providers and New Provider Contract.

Schadewald questioned the contract with Lutheran Social Services for \$400,000. Pritzl said that contract is for residential care which is a very high cost placement and the contract is not to exceed \$400,000. Schadewald asked what the process is for reviewing the services being provided. Pritzl responded that there is a case manager assigned to the individual who is required to do permanency planning and ensure that the person is receiving the services identified as well as formulate a long-term plan. The case manager works with the provider, the individual and the family and is required to see the individual at regular intervals. In addition, there are institutional liaison positions that specialize in these types of placements. This is a residential institutional level placement.

**Motion made by Supervisor Linssen, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Health Department

8a Resolution re: Table of Organization Change for the Human Services Department – Public Health Division Nurse Manager – Health Position.

Health Director Anna Destree informed that nationally public health is making the move from direct or individual based care to more population based services by providing prevention activities through education. This resolution is to help build the Community Engagement Division at the Health Department and the first step would be to have a manager to oversee the community health educators. Schadewald informed this was reviewed at the Board of Health and he would recommend that this Committee approve it as he feels it is a good move.

Linssen asked if this is simply a rebranding of the nurse manager role. Destree responded that this would involve a new set of duties. There will still be a nursing division with a nursing manager and that person will focus on things like the immunization program and communicable disease investigative work. The new position will work on the grant writing, coordinating of grant activities, quality improvement initiatives and things like that and also help with social media and marketing. This position will also supervise the health educators whereas the nurse manager focuses on the nurses and the nursing activities. Linssen wants to be sure that by taking a position away there will not be any drop in services. Destree assured there will not be any drop in services and actually, with the position they are asking for they would probably be able to provide more services. The position that is being eliminated is currently open; nobody will be losing their job.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Linssen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center – No agenda items.

Syble Hopp – No agenda items.

Veterans Services – No agenda items.

Other

9. Audit of bills.

No bills were presented; no action taken.

10. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.

11. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Brusky to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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