

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, September 23, 2015 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisor Hoyer, Supervisor Haefs, Supervisor Robinson
Excused: Supervisor La Violette
Also Present: Eric Johnson, Erik Pritzl, Patty Zich, Supervisor Zima, Judge Zuidmulder, Nancy Fennema, Chad Weininger, other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robinson at 5:35 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of August 26, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Evans arrived at 5:36 pm and took the meeting over at that time.

Comments from the Public

-Claudia Henrickson, 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Henrickson stated that she is the Executive Director of Special Education and Human Services for the Green Bay Public Schools and she thanked the Committee for the opportunity to address them. Henrickson said she attended tonight's meeting to express the desire to work with community partners in order to meet the needs of the ever rising mental health issues in the school system. She stated that they have been doing things internally and referenced the Minoka-Hill School which has a number of innovative programs, but they are looking at ways to work collaboratively instead of in isolation to meet the needs of students before they become adults in society. The Green Bay Public Schools would welcome and appreciate Brown County working with them collaboratively.

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans: None.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Ageing & Disability Resource Center Board of Directors (July 9, 2015).**
- b. **Board of Health (July 28, 2015).**
- c. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (February 24, May 7, July 15 & August 25. 2015).**
- d. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (August 18, 2015).**

Supervisor Robinson wished to pull Item 1b.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to suspend the rules and take Items 1a, c & d together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve Items 1a, c & d.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

With regard to Item 1b, Robinson noted the minutes reference the August 25, 2015 meeting being focused solely on the wind turbines, but he has not seen minutes on that. Evans stated that he was at that meeting and most of the meeting was held in closed session. Following the closed session it was indicated that they would be moving forward with what they have been currently doing.

**Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve Item 1b. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Drug Court

2. Update on Treatment Court by Judge Zuidmulder.

Brown County Circuit Court Judge Zuidmulder provided the Committee with an update on treatments courts and a handout, a copy of which is attached.

Judge Zuidmulder recalled that he asked for and advocated for funding for treatment courts back in 2009 and it has been his practice to appear before this Committee and Public Safety with updates. When the drug court program was started in 2009, the population that they were aiming to serve was the population that consisted of people who had been on probation, in jail and in prison and then cycled back into the system with new offenses. The veterans' court was established shortly after the drug court and that program takes people who are on deferred judgments, have misdemeanor convictions and OWIs, but the basic population is veterans with a service connected disability which is related to their mis-function in society. Judge Zuidmulder continued that within the last year, a heroin court has been established as a subset of the drug court. He noted that heroin problems happen when someone is over prescribed opiates and pain killers. The medical profession is now realizing that those are highly addictive medications and are cutting people off, however, when people are cut off very abruptly, many of them are moving on to heroin. These are often people with no prior involvement in the criminal justice system and a lot of them hold down good jobs. Currently the heroin court has seven participants.

Judge Zuidmulder continued that a mental health court was started at the beginning of the year and part of the motivation for this was local law enforcement who said that there are a number of people in the community with chronic mental health issues who regularly are going through the criminal justice system when they are off of their medications and disconnected from providers. Judge Zuidmulder shared that there was a long gestation period in getting people into the drug court, but he has more people coming into the mental health court than he thought was possible. There are currently nine participants in the mental health court along with several more waiting. He expects the mental health court to have 20 – 25 participants in the next year and felt that based upon what is going on in the community in terms of looking at treatment courts as being a solid alternative, by this time next year there will be 100 – 150 people participating in Brown County's treatment courts. These are all people who would otherwise be in jail, prison or some other correctional setting, but now they are in the community and functioning and many have jobs, are paying off their fines and reconnecting with their families which is a substantial contribution to the quality of life in the community.

The mental health court participants are those with chronic mental health problems and the court is designed to stabilize these people and get them into a pattern of appropriate behavior. Many of the participants have offenses such as disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property and other misdemeanors which limit their connection with the court system to a 12 month period of time by statute. What Judge Zuidmulder would like to see when participants come out of the mental health

court is to not have any police contact for 6 months or more. There are several participants in the mental health court that in the 60 days prior to coming into the court, the police had been dispatched to their residences 30 – 50 times. In the six months these people have been participating in the mental health court, there has been no police contact. Judge Zuidmulder felt that this community has a highly trained, highly professional law enforcement team that is well compensated by the community and they need to be doing their jobs which is protecting the community from people who are committing burglaries and other crimes.

Judge Zuidmulder shared that the mental health court is the most rewarding thing he has done in a long time. The other courts and the criminal justice system deals with people who have criminal thinking, anti-social behaviors or defiant personality problems but the people in the mental health court are in the criminal justice system because of their mental health problems. Those people are so appreciative of the fact that they are in the setting and they tell Judge Zuidmulder how much it means for them to be reconnected with their communities. He also shared that because most of these people have chronic mental health problems, most of them are on some type of SSI and have an income. One of the requirements of the mental health court is that the participants have a designated payee through Catholic Social Services or some other agency that can provide a budget and be sure the participant is sticking to the budget.

Judge Zuidmulder stated that treatment courts meet on Fridays and he invited anyone to attend sessions at any time to see what happens during court.

Supervisor Hoyer thanked Judge Zuidmulder for the work he has done with the treatment courts. He feels that this is a good program and is one of the areas that has the unanimous support of the Board. Hoyer asked about the recidivism rate of 14% of those in drug court and asked what the recidivism rate is for the general population. Judge Zuidmulder responded that the last statistics he has seen from the Department of Corrections was that the recidivism rate was 32% for new crimes, and then people on extended supervisor and probation is another 38% so the general population is in the range of 50 – 70%. Nationally treatment courts have recidivism rates that are about half of what the other system has. He continued that the fact that the treatment courts meet every week gives the participants far more intense supervision than they would get from the regular courts. With regard to mental health court, Hoyer asked if there would be the possibility or opportunity to drop some of the current prison population with mental health issues into that program. Judge Zuidmulder responded that the mental health court is being operated with very little resources and all that the County is providing is a case worker to manage the participants. They try to take participants who already have a connection with a mental health provider. Judge Zuidmulder stated he appreciates the work of the CTC, but the hesitation he has is that they can take alternatives to revocation from the Department of Corrections, but the last one they got, he had the impression that they were using the mental health court as a sort of dumping ground. The last participant they got was brought to mental health court after being in the correctional system for a very long time, but none of the problems the person had were addressed by the correctional system and Judge Zuidmulder is reluctant to get into those types of participants for fear that they may create significantly greater funding stream needs. While there is some money in the treatment programs, he wants to be sure that he is managing it in a way to take care of the people he has.

Supervisor Robinson thanked Judge Zuidmulder for the work he is doing and stated that he is glad to see the creation of the heroin and mental health courts. Robinson asked if more money was given to the treatment courts, if Judge Zuidmulder would have the capacity to use it wisely and get more people into the treatment courts. Judge Zuidmulder responded that one of the questions he is waiting to resolve is with regard to the screening process. He stated that they have had interruptions at the gate keeper, but he now feels that this is in the process of being stabilized. Judge Zuidmulder felt that he would be able to respond to this better in a year if there was a stable

gate keeper. If the gate keeper sends qualified participants and the budget is then stressed with the participants, he could more fairly answer this question. He continued that the numbers that they have been receiving now are being adequately addressed, but Judge Zuidmulder does not think the treatment courts are receiving all of the people who would benefit by the programs and this is simply a matter of getting past the gate keeper. Judge Zuidmulder stated that there is a constant need in the window of time between when someone is released from the jail and is stabilized and in good housing. Right now, there is no place for these people to go other than the homeless shelters and that is not a healthy place for people to be. He would like to be able to do a much better job of transitioning these people to a healthy environment to get them off to a good start. Robinson said it sounds like the support needs are the transition needs coming out of jail and Judge Zuidmulder agreed and added that in the drug court they had six participants terminated because they absconded. As soon as they leave the jail and there is not a healthy place to put them they are gone.

Chair Evans asked Judge Zuidmulder what can be done when people abscond and Judge Zuidmulder responded that one of the things they have learned is that they are not releasing people until after they have been in the jail a period of time and have some services set up. They are trying to get people fairly cleaned up and stabilized before they are released. At this point, this is pretty much the only option. Judge Zuidmulder stated that if this is not done, because their addictive needs continue to be so high, as soon as these people have any liberty they take off.

Evans stated that the next agenda item is a communication from Supervisor Zima that includes talk of a detox center and he asked Judge Zuidmulder what his thoughts on that are. Judge Zuidmulder responded that they could set up a facility in which everyone could partner and not get tangled up in the semantics, but if we can be in a situation where there are people with problems who need to be in a facility where those problems can be addressed, including detox, but also transition and other things, his experience is that when programs are set up and there is rigid criteria, the people who execute the programs are inflexible with regard to who they are going to take into the programs. Evans noted that the County's hands are tied a lot by what the federal government will allow. Judge Zuidmulder stated that he is hopeful that all parties can get together and work on this. He stated that he gets invitations from congressman and other people who ask him to come and talk and he would like to be able to tell these people what they can do to help.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to suspend the rules and take Items 3, 4 and 5 together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Communication from Supervisor Zima re: That the Human Services Director and Brown County Sheriff work together to develop a plan to provide a treatment plan for prisoners who presently make up a third of our jail population. See Item #5**
4. **Communication from Supervisor Zima re: I am requesting that Brown County review its past and present mental health services and develop a more comprehensive plan to treat both short and long-term mental health patients including but not limited to 1) alcohol and drug abuse detox and treatment; and 2) children, adolescent and adult mental health treatment. See Item #5**
5. **Communication from Supervisor Erickson re: That Brown County budget some funding in the 2016 budget to start some services for addicts. This has been overlooked. We provide funding to the Drug**

Task Force but nothing for those that slip between the cracks. We may even be able to share staff and help between the CTC and the jail. Items 3, 4 & 5 were taken together at the August meeting: Motion made to accept Supervisor Zima's recommendation to establish a committee to come back to the Human Services Committee with a recommendation as to how to solve this problem.

Supervisor Zima stated that he appreciated everything Judge Zuidmulder shared in the meeting. He noted that Judge Zuidmulder indicated there needs to be some flexibility in the programs and he agreed with that. He believes that where there is a will there is a way and we need to be looking for a way to solve the problems that exist, including building in flexibility. Zima stated that he would like to see the Human Services Committee see fit to build something into their budget to utilize the available space at the mental health center to start some kind of program and give it flexibility to have referrals made to it by various agencies and organizations to get the people who need help the help they need. He stated that some entities are so rigid in their requirements that the people who need help are not able to get it.

Zima continued that he is here to make sure that the Human Services Committee does something in their budget this year. Evans asked how much Zima may be looking for and Zima responded that he would like to see as much as the Committee can fit in their budget. He stated that when people want something they say it's only a penny per thousand, but when they don't want something they say it is a big deal. Zima continued that there is a very large need looming over our heads and last month the Committees looked at capital improvement programs for the future and additional jail pods were pushed down the line for another year. Additional pods would add an additional 180 beds at a cost of \$30 million dollars, not including any staffing. Zima did not feel that it took much to figure out that the county might be able to provide treatment for the people who need it rather than putting them in jail. This is something that the liberals and conservatives should agree on because it would be helping to provide treatment to the people who need it while helping to hold down costs at the jail at the same time. When it is identified that 1/3 of the inmates at the jail have mental health issues it is a pathetic situation. Zima estimated that about 250 beds at the jail are being used by people with mental health issues. He felt the county should do all they can to utilize the facilities we already have and for starters do a detox center that is not limited to alcohol. Zima noted the increase in heroin in the community as reported by the Drug Task Force and said he has constituents in his district who are struggling with addictions or have adult children struggling with addictions. He noted that some of these people are going to Appleton for treatment and are given methadone, which is just another drug they get addicted to.

Zima felt that big savings could be realized if the County Board makes the decision to spend a little money to build some facilities and provide treatment instead of incarceration. He felt that this would definitely cost less than building additional jail pods. If action is not taken in the next year or two, Zima felt the additional jail pods will have to be built and will drain all of the resources of the County Board for the next decade with staffing and other expenses. His plea to the Human Service Committee is to do whatever they can in this budget. Zima continued that this is serious and is not something that will go away. His big fear is it is going to be beauracratized to death and the County will end up building the jail and sucking up resources until there are no resources left and no problems will be solved. He cannot stress the importance of this enough and he wants the Committee to ask the Human Services Director where the funds are if they are not in the budget. Zima felt the Human Services Director should be directed to build the best budget including what could be practically put into effect by January 1, 2016 to utilize the facilities we already have and get some programs put in place.

Zima continued that the first step needs to be taken and he senses the administration wants to drag feet and are worried about raising the budget, but he recalled that 11 cents per thousand was given back last year. He stated that when you look at county tax bills, residents get an awful lot for a very small amount of money that is paid in. He felt that whatever needs to be done to get started needs to be done and he would like the Committee to put the challenge to the Human Services Director to make use of the facility this year and get something in the budget. Zima stated that the county population is growing and the drug dealers are having a heyday. There are consumers that want the products and Zima did not feel the county was doing enough to change the lifestyle of the consumers. He wanted to be sure that people

who want help have a place to get it. He recalled hearing that sometimes law enforcement officers drive around not knowing what to do with people and end up issuing a disorderly conduct citation and these people who need help end up in the jail.

Zima referred to his first communication that asks for the Human Services Director and Brown County Sheriff to work together to develop a plan to provide a treatment plan for prisoners with mental illnesses and wanted to be clear that he is not talking about doing treatment at the jail, but he is talking about having meds for people who have someone in the community attached to them who can provide the medications that they need. What he is talking about is utilizing the facility that we already have and provide the treatment that will save money in the long run.

Zima reiterated that he would like to see the Committee ask the Human Services Director how he felt to best utilize the facilities we have and if that can be somewhat easily done, Zima would like to see the county start there. Then, by next year's budget time, there can be answers to fulfilling more needs and the expansion of the jail can be pushed off for a decade or so.

Zima stated that he would like to see a member of the Human Services Committee sit on the mental health task force meeting that will be held soon and Supervisors Robinson and Hoyer both said that they will attend. Zima stated it was the County Board who sets the budget and not the Executive. The Executive is here to administer what the County Board decides to do. He noted that for many years half of the County Board was too concerned about what the Executive thought. Zima felt that the Executive is to act as efficiently as possible to fulfill the policies made by the County Board.

Supervisor Haefs recalled that at an earlier meeting department heads were asked to provide a list of items that were not in their budget and he asked Human Services Director Erik Pritzl if what he brought forward earlier relates to the same issue that Zima is talking about. Human Services Director Erik Pritzl responded that he and Zima are talking about the same general population. Haefs agreed with what Zima said but stated that the previous goals of meeting the levy are going to come back to haunt and he does not know what the levy limits and target goals were, but he felt that the County Board better have the will to exceed the target goals if it is necessary. He felt that now is the time to do something and it is fine with him if the target goals are exceeded. Zima stated that he felt that the majority of the County Board has their eyes open on these issues and he felt that it is time to step up to the plate and put adequate services in place. He continued that if something moderate is done this year, it will push the need for additional pods at the jail out another year and provide some breathing room. He stated that there are a number of things being done to divert people from the jail, but the jail is still at 95% capacity.

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl provided his full report at this time (Item 8). He indicated that the report was included in the agenda packet and the report basically indicated that the month of September consisted of presenting the 2014 Annual Report to the Human Services Board and discussing the budget with them and this took up the bulk of the month.

With regard to Family Care, Pritzl indicated that the transition has gone quite smooth, in part because of the work that was done before he arrived in Human Services. Having seen the transition play out in other counties around the state, Pritzl felt that Brown County's transition was the smoothest he has seen. He stated that the collaboration of efforts with the ADRC, Human Services and providers was very, very good and provided a smooth transition.

With regard to the earlier communications, Pritzl felt that whatever unfolds needs to be a community effort. He did not think these efforts were about any one person presenting any one thing. He indicated that a committee has been recommended and chartered and they will meet and bring back information to the Human Services Committee. Pritzl felt that whatever comes out of the group has to be a group recommendation and what is presented to the Human Services Committee and gets advanced has to be supported by the community and the members of the committee. It is about the group advancing

something to the Human Services Committee who will then present it to the Board and Pritzl wanted to be sure this is understood.

Pritzl continued that anything that is brought forward needs to be evidence based or at least evidence informed. It is important to do things that make sense. If the county is going to create a new unit or initiative or program, it has to be based on either prior programming or research or something else that proves it works and the best way to know this is if it has been done and successful somewhere else. Pritzl is aware that there is a lot of information out there and there are some areas of success, such as the treatment courts, and we want to be sure to carry the successful efforts forward.

The other point Pritzl wished to make is that as a Department, Human Services has a lot of staff that are committed to mental health services and substance abuse services and they have served thousands of people this year. This is something they deal with every day and the Crisis Center also deals with these issues on a daily basis. Pritzl felt his staff can bring a lot of understanding and experience with regard to these issues and he noted that there have been a lot of successes. He felt that the newly formed group can build on a lot of work that has already been done. He mentioned that he watched a presentation on mental health and justice collaborations and saw a lot of things that are already in place that could be collaborated. Pritzl felt the formation of the group is well timed and group will come together to look at a really complex issue to come up with solutions.

Pritzl continued that his department spends a lot of time, energy and effort making sure that people have community based services and they are served in the least restrictive way possible. He wishes to keep advancing this as it is very important. There are people that are falling through the cracks and Pritzl felt that a better job can be done and felt that the newly formed group will be instrumental in that.

Supervisor Robinson recalled that Pritzl has been part of a community group looking specifically at what to do about the detox issue and asked him for a status report as to where that effort is. Pritzl responded that the items brought before this Committee in August of the detox facility with the \$1 million dollar price tag came as a result of the community group. Pritzl noted that it was good to bring that here to get some excitement. The group had looked at a number of different models and came up with some different numbers and Pritzl felt they are at the point now where the numbers will be refined to come up with something that is needed. Spinning off of that will be a smaller subgroup that will meet in the next few weeks to take the number and see if it is sound and what it is based on to be sure that the right concept is brought forward. Pritzl noted that it is also important to look at all the available resources. He noted that the amount was for a free standing facility but Pritzl stated that all of the options need to be looked at, including resources of the County. Pritzl added that they spent time talking about how the numbers came to be, what the different estimates were, what resources could be brought into the situation and who wants to be involved in refining this more. Robinson asked Pritzl if he felt a reasonably sound proposal would be coming from that group in time for this year's budget discussion. Pritzl felt they could come up with an amount, but he did not think that a full programming outline could be done in time. He did think that they could bring enough forward to put the Committee in a position to set aside funds to do something. Pritzl stated that he is not in a position at this time to say that converting the CBRF into a detox facility is the best way to go. Things such as physical changes, a determination as to what populations they could have there and what staffing would be needed have to be looked at.

Robinson brought up Judge Zuidmulder's earlier report and the subject of transition out of jail and into community resources, and asked Pritzl if he felt the budget he will be bringing forward contains adequate resources to address that. Pritzl responded that he believed there is a start, but he does not know the full scope of what is being dealt with, but it is focused on the transition of case management and connecting people soundly to community resources. There are pieces of the transition that are not solved by anything in his proposed budget and Pritzl noted there are pieces that Human Services just does not deal with, such as sheltering and housing. He noted that this is a significant need and he does not see around those issues at this time.

Robinson asked Pritzl what he felt the next step was in addressing the problem of supportive housing. Pritzl did not have a step for that but noted that expanding the community shelters to transition to another housing environment may be an option, but he did not think the capacity was there and he also felt that there are barriers with rules and structures and noted that any non-secure facility would have certain structures and rules that would be difficult. Robinson asked how we get from where we are now to finding out what the solution is. Pritzl responded that the group that will be meeting tomorrow night will be a start in the right direction. Robinson stated it sounds like Pritzl's hope is that the group meeting tomorrow night is going to address, among other things, the need for supportive housing for people coming out of jail. Pritzl agreed and stated that that is part of what the group believes needs to happen.

Robinson asked both Pritzl and Judge Zuidmulder if they are familiar with the Stepping Up initiative from the National Association of Counties. Robinson stated that they have had a series of webinars and have been trying to highlight best practices in jails and communities around the country. Robinson is aware that the Sheriff and some of his staff have taken part in at least one of these webinars and he noted that there is a movement going around the country looking at this and felt that this could be a good resource. Robinson added that he did not think this housing issue was unique to Brown County.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to direct the Human Services Director to come up with a proposal for an alcohol detox facility and/or effort in the 2016 budget. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Evans appreciated the fact that Robinson wanted to make the motion, but he felt that it may be a bit premature and he would like to see what comes out of Supervisor Zima's committee first. He indicated that he would not support Robinson's motion at this time.

Zima felt that some of the things that Robinson is talking about seem to be a little bit longer term. Robinson stated that his motion was strictly with regard to detox. Zima felt that what Robinson said earlier about the housing issue was important. He did not want to see people coming out of detox and going right back into the environment that they were in before. Zima stated that we have to put some money in this budget now. He felt that the Human Services Director needs to be asked to come up with a reasonable figure to try to utilize the facility the county has and it needs to be put in the budget immediately. Both Robinson and Evans stated that Pritzl said he could do that.

Robinson said that he is going to stick with his motion because all he is asking for is to bring forth a proposal and if we wait any longer we will miss the budget process. In addition, this has been talked about for a very long time.

Haefs stated that what he is looking for is after the group meets, for the Human Services Director to lay some groundwork for the direction to go in and come up with a reasonable amount that could be included in the 2016 budget. He does not want to see this limited or constricted; whatever the task force says is the direction to go, that is what he would like to see in the budget. Haefs continued that this will be discussed further at budget time. Pritzl stated that he gave the number earlier, but there are other options and other numbers and it is a matter of how much the Board wants to put aside. If we start discussing what to do at the CTC, Pritzl said that is the territory he does not feel comfortable jumping into yet as he does not know if that is the best option at this time and all of the options will be discussed further in the task force meetings. Pritzl stated that he will not bring anything forward until he is sure it will work and is based on some practices because he is not interested in spending money on something that does not work.

Haefs stated that he believes after the task force meets and there is some due diligence done before the budget meeting, Pritzl will be able to provide additional information to move forward. Haefs felt Brown County has reached a point where we must do better and he wants to make sure that the task force understands that there are a lot of serious people on the County Board who would be willing to look at providing the funds necessary to provide the necessary help. Haefs stated that if the motion passes

tonight, it will move on to the County Board who could overturn it. The same questions will be asked and Haefs will answer them at budget time.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to direct the Human Services Director to work with the task force to come up with a proposal for how to address drug detox in the community. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Robinson reported that he is not comfortable putting a time limit on the heroin issue like he did on the alcohol issue because there has already been a lot of groundwork done on alcohol detox in the community and he is not aware if the same level of conversation is going on with regard to heroin. Robinson agrees that whatever is spent on these initiatives has to make sense and he is afraid if we lump the alcohol and heroin issues together we will go down the wrong path with one of them. He would like to hear an interim report on the heroin conversations at budget time, but he does not expect Pritzl to have a proposal. Pritzl responded that he felt the basic needs group would be the group that would or could look at this issue, but he does not know at this time if they have done so, but will report back in October.

Zima stated that he just asked Judge Zuidmulder if there were any alcoholics in the mental health court and he was advised that the participants have drug problems. He is not talking down to alcohol treatment, but he would like to see the first motion amended to refer to a detox center rather than having one motion for alcohol and one for heroin. Pritzl responded that heroin refers to opiate detox and Zima stated that he was aware of that and was interested in having detox facilities for all addictions.

Robinson said his community experience is that alcohol detox and heroin detox are two very different sets of treatment and to lump them together is a mistake and that is why he made two different motions. Haefs liked the idea of two motions and stated that this is serious business and he wants all issues to be looked at.

Health Department

6. **Budget Adjustment Request (15-52): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.**

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Department

7. **Resolution re: *Helping families move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Standing Item until such time that there is action to be taken.***

Robinson stated that this will be his last report on this issue. He stated that coming out of the budget meeting two years ago, the direction of the County Board was before money was spent on an effort to address homelessness, we had to get more community actors involved and make it more of a cross the community effort and this was done by working with people from the task force that the City of Green Bay had, people from the housing and homeless coalition, people actively involved in shelters and they also had conversations with business people and non-profits in the community. Coming out of these efforts the coordinating group engaged in more long-term conversations and at the invitation of the community foundation staff with United Way and Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. This effort was folded into an effort that the Green Bay Community Foundation along with partners in the Fox River Valley undertake a long term effort to address the root causes of poverty, homelessness being a part of that. This effort contributed to the public conversations that eventually resulted in that effort. Robinson stated he feels good about the potential for a long-term look at the root causes of poverty, including homelessness. He added that there are currently no plans for that effort to come to local government for funding, although he

would not be surprised if this came before the County Board at some point and if that were to happen, Robinson would like the County Board to give them a fair hearing.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Executive Director's Report.**

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl gave his Director's Report under Item 5 above.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Resolution re: Change in Table of Organization for the Human Services Department – Social Worker/Case Manager (Children's Long Term Care).**

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.**

With regard to the CTC financials, Robinson referred to the last sentence which reads, "However, during the last half of 2015 expenses are anticipated to decrease compared to the first half of the year with the latest year end projection for CTC showing an improvement in net results of approximately \$240,000." and asked for clarification as to what this means.

At this point Pritzl introduced Finance Manager Eric Johnson to the Committee. Johnson stated that the sentence Robinson referred to is to recognize the fact that the first projection Johnson saw when he came to the department showed a projection through the end of the year. The updated projection that came out based on figures through July shows that they now anticipate to be about \$240,000 better. This is based on recognizing that earlier in the year there were issues at the CTC with a survey that occurred unexpectedly and some contracted costs related to addressing issues as well as some unusual expenses at the first half of the year. Johnson continued that the second half of the year is expected to be much better operationally than the first half of the year. Robinson said when he first read the report he understood that the CTC will not be losing as much as they thought and Johnson agreed with this. Robinson asked if the \$240,000 less of a loss is from the figures a month ago or from the beginning of the year figures. Johnson stated that this figure comes from comparisons of a month or two ago.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger noted that the CTC is worse than was projected at the beginning of the year. He stated that overall the CTC is trending about \$750,000 as a shortfall and the majority of that is from the payee mix on the CBRF portion. A decline of what was projected as revenue overall from the beds is being seen and now they are bringing it back up due to the population they are serving. Weininger continued that when he first started here they were budgeting seven beds, and this was then lowered to five and then four. He stated that the number will also be lowered in 2016 and he felt that the larger question is why things are not being utilized better.

Robinson stated that the CBRF cannot continue to operate this way and he is surprised that the CBRF is being kept the way it is in the 2016 budget. Weininger responded that in the County Executive's budget message they outlined that by the end of the first quarter of 2016, if the numbers do not meet the projections, they need to rescope and relook at what is being done at the

CBRF. That gives about six months of time to bring the numbers up and if the numbers do not come up, we need to look at what to do with the unit as well as thinking about if we have 15 beds and there are 5 to 10 vacant we need to be looking at if we are properly utilizing the resources for the community.

Robinson was very clear when he stated that this is an inherited problem for Weininger. Robinson is frustrated that this has been being talked about for a long time but the numbers continue to decline. He is glad to see that there is an end point to these issues, although his opinion is that this should have come sooner.

Robinson stated that what would be more helpful when we get the reports is to see, "this is what we said we were going to do and this is what we are going to do". Weininger noted that quarterly reports would give a good thumbnail view. He also noted that administration is looking at how they do their financial reporting to the Committees so it is a little more valuable. Robinson added that he prefers to see things in a narrative fashion.

**Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. **Statistical Reports.**

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

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to receive and place on file Items 11 a – e. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13. **Request for New Vendor Contract.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Aging & Disability Resource Center, Syble Hopp, Veterans Services – No agenda items.

Other

14. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

Evans stated that the Human Services budget meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 20, 2015 at ASPIRO on Dousman Street.

Haefs wanted to be sure that there is a very clear report on the budget as there always seems to be a disagreement on levy limits and property taxes and he wants to be sure that before we start, we know what the targets of the Executive were and be sure that we understand very clearly what can be spent before property taxes are raised. Weininger stated that that information will be available on October 1 at 4:30 p.m. when the County Executive announces his budget. Weininger also stated

that he also plans on having a separate sheet showing what the total level is that can be increased and what the tax rate is and the effect of any increase. Haefs was glad to hear this and just wants to make sure that everyone is clear on the figures.

15. **Audit of bills.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to pay the bills. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to pay the bills. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary

Brown County Treatment Alternatives & Diversion Program

Drug Court Participant Numbers

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	69
Current Participants	17
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	2
Individuals in Referral Process	3
Successful Graduates	25
Graduates in Aftercare	
Pending Graduations this Month	4
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance (5 of the 6 absconded and this was the basis for termination)	5
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	10
Total Number of Terminations	27

*The national average for terminations is between 25-40%; with 69 total participants served to date and 25 terminations, we are currently at 36.1%. If you exclude terminations that occurred due to the participants abandoning the program within the first 60 days of acceptance, our termination rate is 28%.

Drug Court Recidivism

We have had a total of 25 graduates with 4 that have had new criminal convictions within 3 years of their graduation from the Drug Court Program. Based on these numbers we currently have a recidivism rate of 16%. Our court has been operational for 5 years.

NEWVTC Participant Numbers

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	40
Current Participants	21
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	2
Individuals in Referral Process	3
Successful Graduates	23
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	0
Terminations related to absconding	0
Total Number of Terminations	3

The NEWVTC has been operational for approximately 3 years. The difference in total number of participants between the Drug Court and the NEWVTC is likely due to the following differing eligibility requirements: NEWVTC accepts referrals from all counties within the 8th judicial district, 1st time offenders, repeat offenders and violent offenders.

2

Brown County Treatment Alternatives & Diversion Program

HEROIN COURT:

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	7
Current Participants	7
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	3
Individuals in Referral Process	5
Successful Graduates	0
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	0
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	0
Total Number of Terminations	0

The Heroin Court began in March of this year. The purpose of this court is to specifically address the growing abuse of Heroin and Opiates in Brown County and to provide comprehensive treatment and supervision services to individuals within Brown County. In addition to serving the High Risk/High Need population that has exhausted conventional means of supervision and treatment, the Heroin Court also admits individuals with first time heroin/opiate crimes in order to preemptively provide the needed services to reduce risk of serious harm.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT:

Category	Number
Total Participants to Date	9
Current Participants	9
Additional Approved Participants (awaiting start date)	1
Individuals in Referral Process	9
Successful Graduates	0
Terminations within the first 60 days of acceptance	0
Terminations related to absconding (including those within 60 days of acceptance)	0
Total Number of Terminations	0

The Mental Health Court was also established in March of this year. The Mental Health Court looks to serve individuals within the community who have a diagnosed mental health need and that unmet need is the primary factor behind their ongoing criminal justice involvement. The Mental Health Court's goals are to re-establish participants with their providers, develop an obtainable independent living plan, and provide intensive case management and supervision services.