

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 26, 2012 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisors La Violette, Robinson, Hopp, and Haefs
Also Present: Supervisor Sieber, Corporation Counsel Juliana Ruenzel, John Paul, Brian Shoup, Tim Schmitt, Other interested parties

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Evans at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of July 25, 2012.**

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public - None

Report from Human Services Chair

Chairman Evans reported that he attended a golf outing sponsored by Aspiro on Monday, 9/24/12. In addition he reported that Aspiro is sponsoring a fund raising walk on Saturday, 9/29/12 beginning at 10 a.m. Those interested in participating should be at the Nicolet Bank by 9 a.m.

1. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. **Board of Health (May 8, 2012).**
- b. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (July 24 and August 28, 2012).**
- c. **Community Options Program Planning Committee (July 23, 2012)**
- d. **Human Services Board (July 12 and August 16, 2012).**
- e. **Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Board of Directors (July 13, 2012).**
- f. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (August 13 and September 18, 2012).**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to suspend the rules to take 1a, b, c, d, e and f together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to receive and place on file #1a, b, c, d, e, & f. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

2. **Communication from Supervisor Robinson re: Request that the Human Services Committee consider merging the Human Services Committee and Human Services Board. *Held for one month.***

Supervisor Robinson reported that he attended the Human Services Board meeting to discuss his recommendation that the Committee and Board be combined. Although the Board said they would consider it, the item was not on their agenda.

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

3. **Communication from Supervisor Sieber re: To direct the Human Services Department to work with the National Association of Counties (NACo) in promoting the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program to Brown County residents, non-profits and other Brown County Departments and to authorize the County Executive or his staff to sign Brown County up for the \$1 marketing reimbursement fee option.**

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program was started seven years ago and has largely grown. Residents can save from 24% to 75% on some prescriptions. The program is a partnership between participating counties, NACo, and CVS Caremark.

Supervisor Sieber suggested that the Human Services Department work with NACo to promote a prescription discount card program for Brown County residents, and also that Brown County become involved in the \$1 marketing reimbursement fee option.

Director of Human Services, Brian Shoup, indicated that it is not only the HS Department that could become involved but also Jail employees, Health Department, etc. He suggested the item be put on the agenda of the County Executive Management Team for consideration. Shoup indicated that he spoke with Lynn VandenLangenberg, previous Director of Administration, who indicated that approximately three Brown County departments and other community agencies began participating in the card program about five years ago. Shoup agreed to follow-up and report back as to who is involved and specifics of the program.

Supervisor Haefs suggested speaking with Supervisor Erickson who initially brought the program forward. Ms. Loehlein of the County Board office is also available to provide information.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp , seconded by Supervisor Robinson to hold until the November meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Department

4. **Recommendation to Amend Chapter 38 Public Nuisance Ordinance, (4)(2)(a)(ii) Odor Violations to change the number of verifiable complaints that would initiate a citation from (the current) three (3) to two (2) verifiable complaints. *Recommendation to forward to Human Services Committee at September 11, 2012 Board of Health Meeting.***

The Board of Health is recommending a change to Chapter 38 which would raise the number of verifiable complaints that would initiate a citation from three to two. In order to motivate businesses to remediate odor issues, the Board of Health is suggesting that they would like to be able to cite more frequently for odors generated from a single source, as they have previously had difficulty meeting the current criteria. Corporation Counsel Juliana Ruenzel has opined that one complaint is insufficient to make a case to the court for such a nuisance, therefore, the Board of Health is suggesting this ordinance change which would require two verifiable complaints to be sufficient to issue a citation.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to suspend the rules and allow interested parties to speak. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Don Johnson – Vice President of Operations, Sanimax

Mr. Johnson explained the efforts and technology that has been used by Sanimax to address odor issues, indicating that a very hot summer and vent dysfunction contributed to the problem. He disagrees with any changes to the ordinance which would initiate citations when efforts are being made to address the problem.

Larry Collins - JBS Green Bay (former Packerland Packing- Lime Kiln Road, Green Bay)

Mr. Collins explained that JBS has also invested in ways to deal with odor issues, actually hiring a chemical salesman. Although they have in the past had numerous verified odor complaints, they have received only two citations, and have had no complaints for the past two years. JBS continues with their attempts to minimize this problem on a daily basis. He opined that the present ordinance which allows for three complaints is fair and equitable and recommends the County stay with the current rule.

Dave Simons - American Foods Group, ACME Street

Mr. Simons stated the position of American Foods Group, opining that making the ordinance stricter will not eliminate this issue, that the ordinance already has impact. American Foods continues with efforts to minimize odors and operate their business.

Supervisor LaViolette opined that it appears a good faith effort has been made by community businesses and she has concerns that a change in the ordinance may only add bureaucracy and not minimize complaints.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to return to regular order of business. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporation Counsel Ruenzel explained the various nuisance violation categories, recommending that in light of efforts made by the various companies that at this time the ordinance be left unchanged. She indicated that if a case is brought to court and the company has made efforts to control the odor issue, it may be not be seen as strong enough and dismissed. Chairman Evans agreed, stating he didn't see much difference in changing the ordinance from three to two if the company was making a good faith effort.

John Paul, Environmental Manager, Brown County Health Department reported that in 2011 there were no citations issued. From January until August 2012, there have been 52 complaints. Of those 52, two complaints were verified, although no citations were issued. Mr. Paul indicated that if the ordinance had been changed, 7 citations would have been issued to one company – Sanimax.

Supervisor Haefs did not agree with changing a County wide ordinance for a few companies who may be in violation occasionally.

Supervisor Robinson asked if an agricultural business should be addressed differently, similar to mega farms.

Supervisor Hopp asked how the ordinance would affect other odor issues, such as a wood burning stove. John Paul indicated there is a different part of the ordinance which addresses fumes and other matters. Supervisor Hopp stated he was not in favor of changing the ordinance

for one business as it would put pressure on regulations for other industries.

Supervisor Haefs recommended approval, stating he is for zero tolerance. He questioned, however, how increasing the citations from 3 to 2 will solve the problem.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.

John Paul indicated that conversations with the DNR resulted in them declaring this city/county issue. He noted that the Health Department and JBS worked with a pickle plant in the Pulaski area to solve their problems. He suggested more effort be made to solve the issues with Sanimax.

Supervisor Robinson asked if repeated violations were more of an issue and if so, would it make sense to change the violation forfeitures. Corporation Counsel Ruenzel explained that raising the forfeiture may be limited by the ordinance. There are times when paying a violation may be cheaper than correcting the problem. Robinson suggested that the code be reviewed to determine if there are other tools.

Supervisor Haefs indicated that this issue with Sanimax is long standing, first being with the company known as Anamax. He would like a report as to what specifically they are doing to address their problems without changing the ordinance for other companies who are making more effort.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to send back to staff with the goal to look at different options, specific tools, and other avenues of action, and that an update from Sanimax and the Health Department be brought to the November meeting including what has been done and what steps are planned to solve the problem in the future.

Supervisor LaViolette was concerned that a November report may not be a reasonable timetable suggesting a report in January, however, Corporation Counsel and the Health Department opined it was adequate time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Department

5. **Budget Adjustment (12-71): Interdepartmental reallocation or adjustment (including reallocation from the County's General Fund).**

Director Shoup explained that Community Programs received State revenue for 2012 for Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) Implementation. The IDDT award for \$9,000 was not budgeted. This adjustment allocates the 2012 amount in the correct budget account. Shoup indicated this matter was previously addressed.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Budget Adjustment (12-73): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.**

This adjustment transfers the cost of a Psychiatric Jail Nurse to the Sheriff's Department. Costs are from September 1st for the remainder of 2012. The nurse will be a contractor hired by the Sheriff's Department.

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

7. Executive Director's Report.

Director Shoup indicated that work continues on the budget which will be presented by the County Executive shortly. In addition, he highlighted the following activities during the last reporting period:

- Child Neglect Pilot Project with Sheriff's Department - A meeting was held with the County Executive, Sheriff Gossage, Jenny Hoffman (Human Services), Wisconsin Department of Health Services officials, a representative from the Governor's office, along with several legislators to address a pilot project which would expand the current partnership with the Sheriff's Department in the area of child neglect. The state has proposed reimbursement in the amount of \$350,000 for additional positions/investigators within a four county consortium. In addition, the SHARE position with Brown County will be included.
- Family Care Update – Shoup reported that what the future holds for the Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Region is uncertain. The biennium budget as proposed by the Department of Health Services does not include start-up funding, although it is possible funds will be added by the legislature through grants. At some point, the County will need to reassess this program and look at contingencies and consider the stability of the work force when moving forward.

Supervisor Robinson questioned if the program could be delayed and Director Shoup indicated that is possible if Family Care does eventually occur. Shoup stated that progress may occur based on the upcoming election.

- Wisconsin State Council on Mental Health - Brown County Human Services was highlighted by this agency on their various health services, specifically staff services at the Adult Mental Health Clinic, Children's Unit, and at the Nicolet Psychiatric Center.
- Emergency Positions Event – A number of community projects were involved in this event including those at the Syble Hopp School, CTC, Community Programs, etc. A further report will be forthcoming.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Report on New Directions in Volunteer Services.

Glen Tilot, Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator, along with Jim Hermans, Manager of the Department of Human Services were introduced. Mr. Hermans gave a presentation reflecting on the 2012 initiative on children and families experiencing child abuse and neglect. A number of moves have been made to provide positive support using resources in the community, one being the PALS program where a young child in need is matched with a volunteer. Families who are often times isolated are offered financial support and other services to bridge a gap which will allow them a way to sustain a successful environment.

Mr. Tilot referred to handouts provided (attached), explaining that programs operating in 2011 by the Community Treatment Center as well as through Community Programs offered a total of

38,000 hours, an equivalent of 18 full-time employees, or a value of \$701,000. This program addresses the needs of families who have been in the system for a long period of time. From this program a need for mentors for parents has been found and a grant has been written to the Women's Fund of Green Bay asking for possible funding. The Flatley Grant offers a kick-off on October 30th at which time 13 families referred by Child Protective Services will be present to express their needs. A budget counselor will be present from Goodwill, along with an advisor on cost effective food planning. This event will be planned quarterly.

Tilot indicated that many volunteers have come from area college students.

Supervisor Robinson asked if the Pals program works with parent educators and Mr. Tilot indicated the plan is to work with parent education programs in the area, nutrition programs, childcare resources, etc.

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

9. **Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs (June and July, 2012).**

Human Services Finance Manager Tim Schmitt reported finances through July 2012 are on track year to date.

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

10. **Statistical Reports.**

- a. **Monthly Inpatient Data – Community Treatment Center (July and August, 2012).**
- b. **Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center (July and August, 2012).**
- c. **Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
- d. **Monthly Contract Update.**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Evans to suspend the rules and take 10a-d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supervisor Hopp asked if the increase in the number of child abuse case will reflect on the budget and Director Shoup explained there will be budget implications resulting in a redesign of contracted services with full impact expected in 2014.

Motion made by Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor to approve 10a-d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor (August and September, 2012).**

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

12. **Request for New Vendor Contract (August and September, 2012).**

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

13. **Audit of bills.**

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

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

**Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to adjourn at 8:07
p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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