

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE  
Monday, January 24, 2005**

**HHN Members Present:** Eileen Bruskwewitz, Elaine DeSmidt, Beth Gross, Bob Salov, Dorothy Wheeler, David Worzala

**HHN Members Absent:** Kevin Kesterson

**Staff and Others Present:** Lynn Green, G.P. Foster, David Carlson, Casey Behrend, Mickey Biel, Lori Bastean, Bob Lee

**Call to Order:** Sup Gross called Health and Human Needs to order at 5:33 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of 01/10/05:** Sup DeSmidt moved and Sup Worzala seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 01/10/05. Approved 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Chair's Report/Announcements:** Gross reported that she is continuing to refine the letter regarding the budget subcommittee work. Committee members will be receiving a copy via e-mail. She met with Lynn Green and Department administrators and the chairs of the Youth Commission, Long Term Support and Human Services Board. AAA and Board of Health chairs were also invited, but unable to attend. We discussed ways that all of our committees/boards can stay in closer connection. We talked about having quarterly check-ins. It would be helpful for all of us so that we all know what each committee/board is working on. We developed a schedule of joint meetings. We also discussed the Department's new mission, vision, values and strategic goals and work plans. Green noted that she met with the Consortium United and shared the meeting schedule with them and discussed the possibility of having quarterly meetings with the POS community.

**Committee Reports:** Sup Worzala attended the Human Services Board meeting of January 13, 2005. We received the "Task Force on The Aging of Dane County" report and will be discussing it further at future meetings.

**Dane County Resolutions:**

- **Res 252, 04-05 – Amending a Professional Services Contract for the Development of a Mental Health Module:** Sup Bruskwewitz moved and Sup Wheeler seconded the motion to approve Res 252. Bastean indicated that this resolution was a continuation of funding. Discussion followed with the main concern being what information is being captured on the mental health needs of inmates in the Jail. Bastean indicated that that information is handled through the Sheriff's office. Because of HIPPA rules we cannot get information regarding the health information on inmates. Green said that this system will not track the mental health needs of the inmates at this time. Green also indicated that this system could take the data from the Sheriff and put it into ours. The hurdle is the county deciding if they want to put all their data into this system. Foster again reminded everyone that there is the legal issue regarding HIPPA. Prisoners would have to sign a release of information. Salov suggested that we invite the Sheriff and someone from the Wisconsin Prison System LLC to talk to this committee. He also encouraged everyone to vote against this resolution until we get better information. Gross stated that her concern is that the Department be hindered in moving forward with a data system that is needed to report data to the State and manage mental health programs. HIPPA is a large hurdle and it may take awhile to overcome it. Members supported a joint meeting with PP&J and the Sheriff to get our questions answered. Res. 252 approved 4-2.
- **Res 253, 04-05 – Accepting a New Award for Community Coalition Support – Public Health:** Sup Wheeler moved and Sup Worzala seconded a motion to approve Res 253. Green passed out a *Tobacco Vendor Compliance Report from 2004*. This is for Tobacco Free Dane County. Motion approved 5-0
- **Res 254, 04-05 – Accepting Additional 2004 Emergency Intoxicated Driver Revenue - CYF:** Sup Bruskwewitz moved and Sup Wheeler seconded a motion to approve Res 254. Sup Wheeler asked how effective were these programs in keeping people out of jail. Lee indicated these programs are very effective in keeping people from being repeat offenders.

**BPHCC Fund Transfer Request:** Sup Bruskwewitz moved and Sup Worzala seconded a motion to approve the fund transfer. Green said that she and Foster are going to work to see where fund transfers can be done instead of resolutions. Foster said that if the Budget's bottom line doesn't change that a fund transfer could be done instead of a resolution. Green said one of the 2005 BPHCC budget cuts was for chaplain services. A staff member donated \$3,500 to have a chaplain through the rest of the year. The chaplain is for all denominations. Motion approved 6-0

Sup Gross requested that the minutes reflect that the Committee expressed a very warm thanks and appreciation for the donation.

**Legislative Platform:** David Carlson passed out *Recommended Changes to 2005-07 Dane County Legislative Package, Proposed modification to Youth Commission Recommendations for 2005-06 Legislative Package, and Resolutions Adopted by the County Board Pertaining to Legislation*. A couple months back Mickey and David and

before the Committee and gave a brief overview of the legislative agenda. We've gotten some suggestions and some changes. The Youth Commission had a couple pages, and staff has a condensed version to offer. This might be the time to take some action on homeless services. Gross said that the board has discussed several times the issue of residency requirements. In general we have a human services system that tries to project that we are here to help.

Wheeler said that she's been looking at the demographics and that people are moving here to access these services. We have waiting lists. Gross indicated that you don't bump people off the waiting list if you move into Dane County. If you are in an emergency situation, then it may happen.

Gross moved and DeSmidt seconded a motion to strike from the *Recommended Changes to 2005-2007 Dane County Legislative Package*: "Add to Human Services Section, under General Issues, **create** new "3) Residency: Allow Counties... service programs." (de Felice) Motion approved 6-0

Gross moved and DeSmidt seconded a motion to add the *Proposed modification to Youth Commission Recommendations for 2005-2006 Legislative Package*. Remove the word *also* after Support in the second sentence. Motion approved 6-0

Carlson said that the governor's budget should be introduced February 8, 2005.

**Discussion and Action of Dane County Comprehensive Plan:** Bruskewitz said that every county is supposed to have a comprehensive plan by 2010. People need to understand that the comprehensive plan will only have jurisdiction over unincorporated areas. Most incorporated counties already have their plans. The County Executive has Attain Dane. The goal is to have the towns and villages that have home rule adopt these comprehensive plans.

Gross asked why was this on the HHN agenda. Green said that the committee that developed the plan is asking for comments by February 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Draft Housing Goals and Objectives:* Worzala asked about 1.i. Bruskewitz indicated that it has to do with urban sprawl. Worzala said 1.i. should be deleted; it's too broad. 1.a. through h. covers the need for adequate land and housing. Bruskewitz asked with regards to 1.f. what can we do to promote more affordable housing.

Wheeler said Goal 2 add, "we should promote energy efficient Green building".

Bruskewitz said that the Comprehensive Plan should pass; however, it should not be dictatorial to the towns and villages.

*Draft Economic Development Goals & Objectives:* Gross said that goal 2.c. should "encourage entrepreneur groups that are nontraditional groups". DeSmidt indicated that this has been a difficult goal to work on.

Bruskewitz said that the way it was explained to her is the goals are the closet, the objectives are the bars and the ideas are what will be hung on the bars.

Goal 4, Bruskewitz said that this goal did not get the attention it deserves. You can't have workforce without the business or business.

#### **Director's Report:**

- In response to questions during her presentation at a prior meeting, Bastean handed out the *Dane County Department of Human Services Approaches to Outcome Measurement*. She said that this is a synopsis of a report that was previously done.
- Green stated that she met with Consortia United and that her goal is to keep them connected to the Committee. One way will be including the next meeting date in future minutes.
- Fran Genter, David LeCount and I met with a group of consumers that have started the New Directions. It is an information center for people with questions about mental health and substance abuse resources/issues. We've invited them to come and present to the Committee at their convenience. Their budget is \$42,000 in mental health re-design funds.
- Fran Genter, David LeCount and I also met with staff from the Kajsab House and Linda Keys of the Mental Health Center. They adopted a 2005 budget of \$670,000 in expenditures and about \$470,000 in revenue; this gives them a \$200,000 deficit already. Their SAMSA grant runs out as of September and then they virtually have no revenues. They have looked for funding; however, they have not been able to come up with any. This program was started with W-2 Re-investment fund and expanded/sustained with SAMSA and other grants. There is no County GPR/levy in the program. The Department budget to Kajsab House is \$72,753 in MA In-home revenue they produce. We have indicated to them that they should consider downsizing. The program is run by the Mental Health Center.
- Physicians Plus and Group Health are still working with 3M on POS health insurance pool options.
- Pertussis/whooping cough referrals to Public Health are down so our Public Health staff have been able to get back into the community.

**Adjournment:** Sup Salov moved and Sup Worzala seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Recorded by Irma Smith

Next meeting: Monday, January 31, 2005, 5:30 pm at CCB 2D.