

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Chairs Nelson and Howard called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Christine Howard, Kathleen Cummings, Jeremy Walz, Joel Gaughan, Darlene Johnson, and Duane Paulson. **Absent:** Jim Batzko.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Larry Nelson, Christine Howard, and Duane Paulson, and Citizen Members Robert Menefee, Michael O'Brien, Laurie Schwartz, Christine Beck, and Vicki Dallmann-Papke. **Absent:** Citizen Members Dr. Adel Korkor and Tim Whitmore.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, and Krystina Kohler of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of October 22, 2019

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of October 22. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- December 6

Executive Committee Report of 10-14-19 and 10-22-19

Nelson said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, approved an ordinance amending the Code and the appointment of John Gaidosh as County Veteran Service Officer. They also heard standing committee reports and the Chair's report on economic development and transportation issues.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of September 12, 2019

MOTION: Menefee moved, second by Schwartz to approve the minutes of September 12. Motion carried 8-0.

Next Meeting Date

- December 5 (Nelson absent)

Measuring the Gap Between the Federal Poverty Level and the Basic Cost of Living

Kohler presented issues associated with the gap between the federal poverty level and the basic cost of living. She described the poverty line and how it works and noted that a one-person household has a poverty threshold of \$11,880 and a household of four has a threshold of \$24,300. She distributed a handout that listed the usual costs experienced by a household and how that relates to poverty. In Waukesha County, the annual basic cost of living for the self-sufficiency standard is \$77,525 for a family of four. She also discussed ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employee).

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Introduce Draft of Revised Health and Human Services Board Bylaws (*Board*)

Nelson reviewed the draft of the bylaws which will be presented in December, number of board members, duties, responsibilities, and revisions that occurred throughout the drafting process.

Kleber noted that the draft was referred to Corporation Counsel for review. Quorums and advisory board issues were also discussed.

MOTION: Schwartz moved, second by Menefee to adjourn the board meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard

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Secretary