Chairperson: Supervisor Patricia Jursik
Committee Staff: Steve Cady and Steve Kreklow

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday, November 30, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Abelson, Cynthia Archer, Rob Henken, Lisa Jo Marks, Tim Sheehy, Stephanie Stein, Supervisors De Bruin, Thomas, and Jursik (Temporary Facilitator)

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Introduction

   Members introduced themselves.

2. History / Purpose of Milwaukee County Strategic Planning

   APPEARANCE:
   Terry Cooley, Milwaukee County Board Chief of Staff

   Mr. Cooley provided the background and purpose of Milwaukee County Strategic Planning.

3. Report of Strategic Planning Operations Team

   APPEARANCE:
   Steve Cady, County Board Research Analyst

   Mr. Cady, Mr. Henken, Ms. Archer, and Sup. De Bruin commented on the Strategic Planning Operations Team.

4. Charge of the Committee to Develop an Ongoing Long Range Planning Framework for County Operations by 2/1/2010

   Participants discussed their expectations of long range planning. Concerns included: Developing a strategic plan by 2/1/2010 is unrealistic; Setting objectives for Budget 2011 is more realistic; Executive & Board should be held accountable to these objectives; Prioritizing may divide members and end efforts to strategically plan.

5. Possible Information Requests

   Members discussed information that would be helpful. Mr. Henken suggested doing a comprehensive analysis of County government to examine each function and then decide whether these should be housed with the County.

   Mr. Cooley discussed the four mandates: behavioral health, detention, judiciary, and public safety.

   Ms. Archer would like to look at where we came from, definitions, and 5-year financial projections.

   Mr. Abelson would like to see the space needs study, real estate inventory, and a personnel profile.

   Members discussed what information would be available. They requested a report on the Five-year Forecast at their next meeting and Mr. Henken offered to give a preview of a report that the Public Policy Forum will release in late January 2009.

   Members evaluated mandatory versus "discretionary" services as well as the demands and expectations of County residents.

6. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

   Sup. De Bruin nominated Sup. Jursik for the position of Chairperson. Ms. Archer seconded the motion. The committee approved this motion by voice vote.

   Mr. Abelson nominated Sup. Thomas for the position of Vice Chair.

   In order to have representation of the administration, Sup. De Bruin nominated Ms. Archer for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Marks seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion (8-1, Mr. Abelson dissenting) by voice vote.

7. Set Future Meeting Dates

   The group scheduled its next meeting for Monday, December 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

   Adjourned,
   Alexis Gassenhuber
   Legislative Assistant