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## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 11:30 A.M.  
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Supervisors West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and Coggs-Jones  
(Chair)

#### SCHEDULED ITEMS:

#### RESOLUTIONS – 1

1. 08-39 A Resolution by Supervisors De Bruin and Borkowski authorizing and directing the creation of a Work Group to study the possible structure and implementation of a County Use Ordinance that would encourage the use of Work Centers that primarily employ people with disabilities to provide certain goods and services that are currently being provided by the private sector. **(Also to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, & Transit)**

#### **APPEARANCE:**

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, 15<sup>th</sup> District

01:22 Supervisor De Bruin stated work started on this resolution about a year ago both at the national and the state level. Forty-nine states across the country have use ordinances, including the federal government. The State of Wisconsin has had a use ordinance since 1989. Use ordinances allow for preferential contracting with work centers that employ persons with disabilities as long as the contracts and proposals are competitive, valid, and provide high levels of quality of service.

Supervisor De Bruin went on to state that in Wisconsin in 2005, over 3,000 persons with severe disabilities were employed through these work centers. The Wisconsin Counties Association, working with organizations that serve persons with disabilities, put together a plan to take these types of proposals from the state level to the county level. The goal is to have this legislation in all Wisconsin counties. This resolution wasn't brought forth sooner due to the County being right in the middle of controversial contract negotiations. Supervisor De Bruin indicated she wanted to make sure that this legislation could never be used to stimulate or self create new privatization.

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The language in the resolution is only for types of services that Milwaukee County has already privatized and that persons with severe disabilities, who are currently put in work centers, could do and competitively bid for. Supervisor De Bruin requested her colleagues support.

Questions and comments ensued.

06:42 A **"FRIENDLY AMENDMENT"** that was offered by Supervisor Johnson modified the Resolution on Line 56 deleting the word "March" and replacing it with the word "June" was accepted. There being no objections by the Committee, the amendment was ordered instituted by Madame Chair.

Supervisor Johnson also requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

08:14 Supervisor Rice requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

09:47 Ms. Marie Mace, Vice President of Community and Senior Services, Curative Care Network and President, Rehabilitation for Wisconsin, appeared and spoke regarding this item.

10:58 Supervisors Quindel, Cesarz, and Madame Chair also requested to be added as co-sponsors.

**ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the Resolution as AMENDED. 7-0**

**AYES:** West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and  
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

## APPOINTMENTS – 1

2. 08-54 From the County Executive, appointing Ms. Eileen T. Hayes to the Aging Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2011.

### **APPEARANCE:**

Fran McLaughlin, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

00:14 Ms. McLaughlin introduced Ms. Hayes to the Committee who then provided brief comments.

00:56 Supervisor West requested that the Committee be provided with a current listing of the Aging Commission.

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**ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0**

**AYES:** West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and  
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

DEPARTMENT ON AGING - 2

3. 08HN01 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an updated informational report on the September, October, November and Year-to-Date (through November 30, 2007) Income Statement of the Care Management Organization (CMO) under Family Care. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging  
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging

00:27 Mr. Hodson explained the report represents year-to-date financial operation results for September, October, and November 2007. He summarized the report detailing revenues, expenditures, and surplus.

Questions and comments ensued.

***The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.***

4. 08HN02 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an informational report regarding snow shoveling efforts for the elderly including history of the Sun Squad/Winter Watch and Good Neighbor Programs in Milwaukee County. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging  
Gary Portenier, Program Planning Coordinator, Department on Aging  
Gail Cheatham, Assistant Director, Department on Aging  
Geri Lyday, Administrator, Disabilities Services Division

01:15 Ms. Stein began by providing the Committee with a brief history regarding the aforementioned programs. She stated the Winter Watch Program was initially a Department of Public Works program funded through Community Development Block Grant money. The program was eventually transferred to the Department on Aging at which time the Community Block Grant money was used to fund other things. The

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Department needed the program to be funded with Base County Allocation funds and tax levy, neither of which is no longer available. In 2003, a decision was made to end the program. A volunteer coordination program was implemented contracting with Interfaith for older adults. There are nineteen neighborhood sites, and volunteers are recruited through parishes. This volunteer program has served almost as people as the paid program.

Ms. Stein recommended that the Department be able to advertise in the Supervisors' newsletters that volunteers are needed all over Milwaukee County. Goodwill, who was the previous provider, indicated that it would cost an estimate of \$254,000. This includes start up costs, vehicles, shovels, etc. Subsequent years would cost approximately \$174,000 to maintain the program.

Questions and comments ensued.

12:39 Ms. Lyday addressed the Committee explaining how the Disabilities Services Division handles snow shoveling/grass cutting requests.

***The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.***

**DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISION - 1**

5. 08-27 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,  
(a)(b) requesting authorization to enter into a 2008 Purchase of Service Contract with the Cathedral Center, Inc. in response to the transfer of emergency shelter care programs from the American Red Cross-Milwaukee Chapter.

**APPEARANCES:**

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Geri Lyday, Administrator, Disabilities Services Division

Questions and comments ensued.

00:28 **ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 7-0**

**AYES:** West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and  
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION - 3

6. 08HN03 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding the award of "Treatment Alternatives and Diversion" grant funds to the Behavioral Health Division from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), DHHS

00:23 Mr. Hoze stated the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program is funded by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. Its primary focus is the development of treatment alternatives to jail and prison sentences for non-violent offenders with drug and alcohol problems. The Behavioral Health Division, in collaboration with Milwaukee County Circuit Courts, submitted a mutual application for TAD grant funds in 2007 in which Milwaukee County was awarded a little over \$275,000. This year, again after collaborating with the Courts, BHD received notification that \$375,000 would be awarded for 2008. There's no match requirement for these funds.

Mr. Hoze also stated that although the program for 2008 is almost identical to the program and services provided in 2007, there is one significant difference. There will be on-going case management services provided by Justice 2000 for those participating in the TAD program in addition to the comprehensive Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) screening services provided by Wisconsin Correctional Services (WCS).

Questions and comments ensued.

***The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.***

7. 08HN04 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an updated informational report regarding strategies to address issues associated with safety on patient care units. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), DHHS

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00:19 Mr. Hoze indicated that in the 2008 Adopted Budget, the Administrator of BHD was directed to convene a group, including clinical staff, managers, and nurses' union representatives to address safety issues associated with patients who present difficult and sometimes violent behavior on patient care units. BHD was also directed to provide a report with recommendations on that issue. During 2006 and 2007, significant attention has been focused on the increased number of altercations leading to violent behavior at BHD. As a result, several key strategies have been implemented to address the issues facing staff and patients at BHD.

01:39 Mr. Chianelli stated safety in the patient care units is the number one priority for administration and staff. Mr. Chianelli discussed in detail the strategies developed to address safety issues which include challenging behavior training, clinical restructure, and compliance with standards-quality/safety review; and the creation of a Psychiatric Crisis Services (PCS) Coordination Committee, a nursing administration action team, a security/patient care milieu action team, a code one action team, and treatment expansion and programming improvement committees.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

19:45 Patty Yunk, DC48, appeared and spoke regarding this item.

30:17 Supervisor Quindel requested the Department provide the Committee with numbers relating to incidents occurring at BHD over the last couple of years.

***The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.***

8. 08HN05 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting a verbal informational report regarding Curative and Goodwill program initiatives for the mentally disabled.  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

### **APPEARANCE:**

John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), DHHS

00:25 Mr. Chianelli indicated that Paul Radomski and his team have been working in collaboration with Goodwill and Curative to oversee the transition process. They have identified approximately 43 people at the end of last year. Currently, there are about 34 people in the programs to date. Each of them are working toward plans of ending their time with

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community employment. They will keep working toward the successful closure of those individuals enrolled in the program. They have every reason to believe they will have that accomplished by their target date.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

***The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.***

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Fran McLaughlin, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office  
Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging  
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging  
Gary Portenier, Program Planning Coordinator, Department on Aging  
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Geri Lyday, Administrator, Disabilities Services Division  
Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division  
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 11:35 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.

Adjourned,

*Jodi Kapp*

Committee Clerk  
Committee on Health and Human Needs