



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Health & Human Needs Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, February 25, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

A. Call To Order

YGP present: Natalie McDonald

Staff present: Michele Dickinson, Astra Iheukumere, Chad Lillethun, Katie O'Brien, Edjuana Ogden, and Howard Thomas

Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: 7 - HEIDI WEGLEITNER, ELIZABETH DOYLE, BLAIRE ADKINS, MIKE BARE, ELENA HAASL, CECELY CASTILLO and LARRY PALM

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-458](#)

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0211 HHN Minutes](#)
[2021_0211 HHN Public Registrations](#)

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 (1-0 YGP).

C. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Dane County Legislative Agenda

[2020
ACT-344](#)

HHN CURRENT AGENDA LANGUAGE & DRAFT CHANGES

Attachments: [HHN Current Agenda Language](#)
[HHN Agenda Draft Changes](#)
[2019-2021 Dane County Legislative Agenda](#)
[HHN Draft Changes with Amendments](#)

Dane County Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer provided an overview of proposed changes to the 2022-24 Dane County Legislative Agenda and answered committee members' questions. Springer stated Public Health Madison & Dane County suggested two additions -- one regarding providing proper space for individuals who wish to breastfeed or pump and the other calling for increased funding from the state for the school breakfast program.

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to recommend approval of the 2022-24 Dane County Legislative Agenda with the suggested changes outlined by Dane County Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer.

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to recommend the following changes to the Dane County Legislative Agenda:

In the Economic Assistance section, at the end of the first bullet item, add "which limit eligibility and could reduce the number of people receiving benefits."

In the Housing section, in the second sentence of the first bullet item, replace "such as" with "including but not limited to." In the fourth bullet item, substitute "Trust" with "Development." Add to Tenants' Rights: "Support legislation to provide a right to counsel for residential tenants facing evictions. Support legislation requiring a just cause for termination of tenancy and eviction. Support legislation to remove the requirement for scheduling eviction trials within 30 days of initial hearing." Substitute "mediation" for "remediation."

The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 (1-0 YGP).

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to recommend adding the following items to the Dane County Legislative Agenda in the Public Health section:

- 1. Support institutional policies that allow individuals who are breastfeeding or pumping to have space to do so.**
- 2. Increase state funding for school breakfast. Maintain nutritional standards for meals that align with MyPlate dietary recommendations.**

The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 (1-0 YGP).

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to recommend approval of the Dane County Legislative Agenda as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 (YGP 1-0).

D. Fund Transfers

None.

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

None.

F. Presentations

1. RFP and Bid Waiver Process and Efforts to Diversify POS Agencies

[2020](#) OVERVIEW OF HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTING
[PRES-160](#)

Attachments: [HHN Presentation 022521](#)

DCDHS Planning and Evaluation Manager Michele Dickinson and DCDHS Budget, Contracts and Operations Manager Edjuana Ogden delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the department's contracting process and answered committee members' questions.

2. Overview of Requested Bid Waivers Going to Personnel and Finance for 2022

DCDHS Planning and Evaluation Manager Michele Dickinson provided an overview of the department's nine bid waiver requests scheduled to go before the Personnel & Finance Committee on March 8 and answered committee members' questions.

3. Budget Priorities Discussion

Wegleitner requested that the committee receive an update on the results of a 2020 budget amendment that allocated \$1 million to the CJ Tubbs Fund for Hope, Healing and Recovery.

Wegleitner stated the number of Dane County families doubled up in living quarters should be addressed in the 2022 budget, with advocates calling for the creation of a county position to track data, solicit funding and explore opportunities to improve the situation.

Bare stated Dane County should consider providing operational funding to the Dane County Housing Authority, whose mission is largely driven by county ordinances.

Wegleitner asked that the committee receive an update on the Crisis Response Team (CRT), a joint initiative of the City of Madison and Dane County.

Doyle stated she has requested regular progress updates on the CRT and the Behavioral Health Resource Center, which opened in November.

G. Reports to Committee

None.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Thursday, 11 March 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjournment

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by HAASL, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 (1-0 YGP).

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted Howard Thomas.