



# 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?*

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Thursday, May 11, 2023

5:30 PM

Hybrid meeting: Attend in person  
in Room 357 of the City County  
Building or virtually via Zoom.

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#### A. Call To Order

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

**Present:** 5 - CECELY CASTILLO, KIERSTIN HUELSEMANN, LARRY PALM, HEIDI WEGLEITNER and BRENDA YANG

**Absent:** 2 - JEFF HYNES and OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)  
[MIN-086](#)

APRIL 27, 2023 HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS MINUTES

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 (YGP: 1-0).

#### Attendance Update

**Present:** 6 - HEIDI WEGLEITNER, CECELY CASTILLO, LARRY PALM, KIERSTIN HUELSEMANN, OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA and BRENDA YANG

**Absent:** 1 - JEFF HYNES

#### C. Discussion Items

##### 1. Dane County Legislative Priorities

a. *Expanding Mental Health and Addiction Care*

b. *Reproductive Rights*

c. *Access to Gender Affirming Care*

d. *Expanding Medicaid and Supporting Medicare for All*

e. *Expanding Affordable Housing*

*f. Tenants Rights*

Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer presented. Chair Wegleitner asked whether members could identify three issues to prioritize. Chair Wegleitner, Supervisor Huelsemann, and Supervisor Castillo provided the following suggestions for prioritization: (1) Expansion and full support for affordable housing; (2) Reproductive Rights (a part of public health); (3) More access to Mental Health services within health care; (4) Support for tenants rights; (5) Medicaid Coverage;

Chair Wegleitner suggested the following as priorities: (1) Mental Health Services support within health care; (2) Expansion and full support of affordable housing; and (3) Aging and Disability Resource Center funding and advertising. The Committee agreed with Chair Wegleitner's suggestions by unanimous consent.

2. Discussion on recruitment, appointment, and confirmation process for Director of Human Services

Committee members discussed several ideas for future appointments within Dane County. Members came up with ideas of what could be helpful in the future, some which were: (1) create a more community based hiring process [town hall meetings, community input, stakeholder involvement possible]; (2) have a more precise and exact position description posted with the listing; (3) involve an outside, third-party, hiring company; (4) AI involvement to help the review of application materials and candidates.

**D. Fund Transfers**

NONE.

**E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

1. [2023 RES-045](#) APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 1202 EAST BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF MONONA DCDHS - HAA DIVISION

**Sponsors:** WEGLEITNER, ENGELBERGER, RITT, DOOLAN and SMITH

**Attachments:** [2023 RES-045](#)  
[2023 RES-045 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2023 RES-045 CONTRACT #15094](#)

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 (YGP: 1-0).

2. [2023 RES-046](#) APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 1050 EAST MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE DCDHS - HAA DIVISION

**Sponsors:** WEGLEITNER, ENGELBERGER, RATCLIFF, RITT and DOOLAN

**Attachments:** [2023 RES-046](#)  
[2023 RES-046 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2023 RES-046 CONTRACT #15095](#)

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0 (YGP: 1-0).

## F. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. [2023 HSCA-010](#) 86868 ADDENDUM - NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES

**Attachments:** [23048 Addendum Northwest Dane Senior Services](#)

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, that the Contract Addendum be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0 (YGP: 1-0).

2. [2023 HSCA-011](#) 86640 - ADDENDUM - COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION

**Attachments:** [23056 Addendum Community Action Coalition](#)

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, that the Contract Addendum be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0 (YGP: 1-0).

## G. Presentations

1. Vision: Next 2023 Update from Planning and Evaluation Manager Michele Dickinson

*Dickinson delivered a PowerPoint presentation and answered Committee Members' questions.*

[2023 PRES-062](#) DCDHS Vision: Next Update

**Attachments:** [HHN Vision Next Update 23.05.11](#)

## H. Reports to Committee

NONE.

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the City County Building and via Zoom.

**J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*NONE.*

**K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*NONE.*

**L. Adjournment**

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by PALM, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0 (YGP: 1-0).

*Minutes submitted respectfully by Priscilla McCarthy pending Committee approval.*