

**Chairperson:** Supervisor Peggy West, 278-4269

**Committee Clerk:** Jodi Mapp, 278-4073

**Research Analyst:** Jennifer Collins, 278-5290

## **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.**

**Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Mayo, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair)

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

#### **APPOINTMENTS – 1**

1. 09-209 From the County Board Chairman appointing Mr. Oshiyemi Adelabu to the Milwaukee County Youth Sports Authority Board of Directors to fill the vacancy previously held by Ms. Bernell Hooker for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

#### **APPEARANCE:**

Terrence Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board

- 00:15 Mr. Cooley introduced Mr. Adelabu to the Committee who then provided brief comments.

Questions and comments ensued.

#### ***MOTION BY:(Mayo) Approve. 7-0***

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Mayo, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

#### **DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISION – 1**

2. 08-39(a)(b) From the Director, Department of Administrative Services, submitting an informational report from the County Use Ordinance Work Group and requesting authorization to amend Section 32.25 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances to 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.

#### **APPEARANCES:**

Cynthia Archer, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)  
Davida Amenta, Fiscal Management Analyst, DAS

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Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners  
Don Natzke, Director, Officer for Persons with Disabilities, DAS

00:41 Ms. Archer discussed several policy issues, which the Board would need to address in order to move forward with this item. The first related to changing the definition for “county funded” to include shelter workshops as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). While the code is not current, this program has been federalized for both county funded and federally funded procurements meaning the definition is locked into the federal definition. The Community Development Business Partners (CDBP) released a report to update the code making it clear that this program is federalized, county funded and federally funded. This also means that there would not be flexibility under a federalized program to modify the definition.

Ms. Archer went on to explain the second issue deals with the handful of procurement services that are not currently mandated to be covered by DBE. They fall under Chapter 32 procurements. There is a code that requires the Office of Procurement to attempt to meet DBE goals, but it is not a mandatory requirement like professional services. The services currently listed under Chapter 32 include landscaping, housekeeping, security, and food services. Those also happen to be the kinds of services that shelter workshops would most likely want to participate in. With those services included in Chapter 32, shelter workshops could compete. They would not be pitted against a DBE because they are considered Chapter 32s. In the event of a tie, the shelter workshops would get the contract, which is consistent with Milwaukee County policy. The report submitted by the CDBP proposed moving those services into professional services, which basically subjects them to mandatory DBE and is contrary to the Workgroup’s report.

Ms. Archer reiterated the two issues facing the Board when making a decision on this item. Those policy issues are as follows: 1) Should county-funded procurements be federalized or work shelters be included as part of DBE and 2) Should the services previously listed be mandated DBEs or should they continue to be included in Chapter 32.

07:40 Supervisor Clark requested information as to why Milwaukee County would contract with work centers as opposed to a DBE, how will it affect numbers related to DBE goals when work centers are already non-profit organizations who receive a lot of money to do some of the same services, and is it counterproductive to take these services and not require a DBE component on these particular contracts.

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- 09:26 Supervisor De Bruin requested a review of what is different about the understanding, at the Milwaukee County level, of the requirements under the federal programs versus what was agreed to be done once the County's program was federalized compared to why it is able to be done at the state level in so many states. She would also like further clarification better defining the scope of services offered by these work centers. Staff should work directly with the work centers to fine tune what types of contracts they actually would be feasibly applying for.
- 13:17 Mr. Tom Lutzow, Rehabilitation for Wisconsin, appeared and spoke regarding this item.
- 21:23 Supervisor Dimitrijevic requested more information on expanding the definition to include work centers as part of DBE.
- 25:04 Supervisor Clark requested a copy of 49CFR26, as it relates to the Department of Transportation (DOT) rules regarding how the County receives dollars, what their definition of a disadvantaged business is, and if, in fact, there is a provision set aside for work centers.
- 36:28 Supervisor De Bruin requested further information on if work centers became DBEs, would they have a competitive disadvantage over other bidders.

***MOTION BY:(Coggs) Refer this item to staff and Corporation Counsel for further information regarding whether County-funded procurements should be federalized and whether landscaping, housekeeping, security, and food services should be mandated DBE or continue to have the services included in Chapter 32. The report should also include all requests for information made by Committee members. 7-0***

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Mayo, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

**ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION – 2**

3. 07-475 (a)(b) From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to extend and increase the 2008 Economic Support Division Professional Services Contract with Security Microimaging Corp.

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**APPEARANCES:**

Lisa Jo Marks, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Dennis Buesing, Contract Administration, Management Services Division (DHHS)

00:24 ***MOTION BY:(Mayo) Approve.***

Questions and comments ensued at length regarding the contract extension, the additional functionality of getting the system to communicate with the State's mainframe, and contract retroactivity.

03:49 Supervisor Mayo withdrew his motion.

***MOTION BY:(Coggs) Refer this item to staff and Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to what the County Board's options are, include the actual contract extension, a current and accurate Statement of Services, and a re-written resolution that reflects, in the BE IT RESOLVED clause, what the updated services are that will be provided. 7-0***

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, Coggs, De Bruin, Mayo, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair) - 7

**NOES:** 0

4. 08-484(a) A. From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding the progress of the Economic Support Division's modernization initiative.  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Lisa Jo Marks, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Felice Riley, Administrator, Economic Support Division, DHHS

00:33 Ms. Riley provided a brief overview of the modernization initiative highlighting the overall progress. She reviewed statistics as they relate to on-line applications, telephone interviews, face-to-face contacts, recertifications, waiting areas and times, improvements within the Call Center, and the verification processing center.

Questions and comments ensued.

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17:40 Supervisor De Bruin stated it would be in Milwaukee County's best interest to, and requested that County Board staff along with Corporation Counsel, document very clearly what the State's track record becomes on such issues as waiting times, response times, application approvals, application rejections, and overall maintenance of services. The Board needs to know whether or not the State has a better track record. A mechanism should be developed by which Milwaukee County has access to that information perhaps through open records. The assumption is that the State is going to do a better job, and it will be imperative to know whether or not that is true.

***MOTION BY:(Lipscomb) Receive and Place on File the report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, dated April 20, 2009. 5-0***

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, De Bruin, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair) - 5

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** Coggs and Mayo – 2

B. From the Director of Intergovernmental Relations submitting an informational report regarding State legislative action pertaining to the transition of Income Maintenance to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board  
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board

00:22 Mr. de la Rosa stated this piece of legislation, Senate Bill 161, was ultra fast tracked. It was introduced on April 8, 2009. On April 14, 2009, there was a joint meeting before the Assembly Committee on Labor and the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs to hear this item. By April 28, 2009, the legislation passed the Senate with the Assembly concurring on April 29, 2009. Within a three week period, a lot of things happened very quickly given the magnitude of what was at stake. Resources for Milwaukee County were put together with very little notice, which included input from the Fiscal and Budget Division of DAS, Corporation Counsel, and Labor Relations. Milwaukee County prepared and responded accordingly. On April 23, 2009, a letter was signed by 17 members of the County Board and was submitted to Delegation members expressing the County's opposition to the legislation, particularly, raising the concern of levy exposure. Furthermore, Chairman Holloway on

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April 27, 2009, also drafted a communication to the authors of the Bill indicating those same concerns. As a result of that action, the legislative leaders listened, and Senator Taylor introduced Amendments to the Bill, which improved the Bill as it relates to Milwaukee County's financial exposure.

Questions and comments ensued.

***MOTION BY:(Lipscomb) Receive and Place on File the report from the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, dated May 11, 2009. 5-0***

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, De Bruin, Clark, Lipscomb and West (Chair) - 5

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** Coggs and Mayo – 2

C. From the Wisconsin Department of Health Services submitting an informational report on the transition of Income Maintenance to State control. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

00:30 Prior to commencement of the meeting, Madame Chair announced that the State of Wisconsin was unable to appear for this item. A Special Meeting of the Health and Human Needs Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, (at a time to be determined) to address this item.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Terrence Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board  
Cynthia Archer, Director, Department of Administrative Services  
Davida Amenta, Fiscal Management Analyst, DAS  
Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners, County Board  
Don Natzke, Director, Officer for Persons with Disabilities, DAS  
Lisa Jo Marks, Interim Director, DHHS  
Dennis Buesing, Contract Administration, Management Services Division (DHHS)  
Felice Riley, Administrator, Economic Support Division, DHHS  
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board  
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board  
Jennifer Collins, Research Analyst, County Board

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This meeting was recorded. The foregoing items were not necessarily considered in agenda order. 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, along with the audio recording of this meeting, is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:34 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

Adjourned,

*Jodi Kapp*

Committee Clerk

Committee on Health and Human Needs