



**Juneau County  
Department of Human Services  
Board Minutes  
January 2, 2024  
8:30 am**

Members: James Ryczek, Chair, John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary,  
Richard Kilmer, Judy Kennedy, Julie Quist, Carl Wildes, Betty Kryka

The Juneau County Human Services Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairperson James Ryczek in room 209 in the Juneau County Services Building. It is noted the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

Roll Call: Members Present: James Ryczek, John McGinley, Richard Kilmer, Judy Kennedy, Julie Quist, Carl Wildes, Betty Kryka; Absent: None; Also present: Dawn Buchholz, Mary Jo Onsager, Alison Brown

Acknowledgment of compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda made by Betty Kryka, seconded by Richard Kilmer. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve December 5, 2023 minutes made by Richard Kilmer, seconded by John McGinley. Motion carried.

**Child Support Presentation**

Ami Board, Child Support Manager, and staff present. Child Support services include support establishment, paternity establishment, location of absent parent, income withholding, admin enforcement of orders, and judicial enforcement of orders. The unit continues to present the “What’s the Rush” program to schools in Juneau County. The program reveals the true costs involved in raising a child. They are currently in the process of modernizing the program and converting paper files to electronic files. They’ve implemented having laptop/printer access for court to help parents with quicker access to paperwork, and they are changing their name to Child Support “engagement” instead of Child Support “enforcement”.

**Discussion and possible motion/approval of ongoing public participation process**

Update from December 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting: Dawn, Richard, and John attended. Executive Committee is leaning towards less is better, stating that people don’t want their names recorded and they don’t want to make the process too complicated for the public. Human Services Committee would like a more formal process, but Executive Committee is not leaning that way and a standard form/process wasn’t agreed upon. Dawn to have copies of guideline, created by Corporation Counsel, included with Human Services Committee Public Comment card; public comment card will need to be turned in, then Chairperson, at public comment time, would ask if anyone would like to speak. Human Services Committee to begin using draft public comment card and add a Public Comment section to agendas (after Acknowledgement of compliance with the Open Meetings law). Motion to adopt Public Comment process made by Richard Kilmer, seconded by Betty Kryka. Motion carried.

**Motion and approval to fill Human Services position(s)**

None at this time.

**Human Services Board report outs (if any)**

Judy attended quarterly Regional CCS Meeting regarding Professional Responsibilities and Decision Making. Discussed case management and wraparound services. Professionals in the 6 counties have many more responsibilities that overlap with case management, making sure the right services are happening at the right time. Various counties are keeping consumers/youth engaged by utilizing public activities, meals, art studios, and other social events. Coordinating meetings to deal with homelessness and transportation issues. Julie would like to note the “above and beyond” attempts by Juneau County CCS staff and her appreciation of Brooke Schluter’s leadership.

**Director report outs (if any)**

Shout out to Juneau County’s Social Committee for putting together holiday events, sock exchange, activities, and lunch.


Executive Committee did approve adding an acknowledgement for all staff to the county website.


**Items for Future Meeting(s)**

- Children’s Long-Term Support, Children’s Community Options Program, and Birth to 3 Presentation
- Recommendations to County Board Chair for reappointment of Julie Quist and Betty Kryka to Human Services Board

The next Human Services Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:30 am in the Juneau County Services Building, room 209. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary

  
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Alison Brown, Recorder