



# Milwaukee County

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## Meeting Minutes Health and Human Needs Committee

*Chairperson: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde*  
*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*  
*Supervisor Deanna Alexander*  
*Supervisor Dan Sebring*  
*Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*  
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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

9:00 AM

Room 201-B

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### Call To Order

#### Roll Call at 9:04 a.m.

**Present** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde  
**Excused** 1 - Wasserman

### APPOINTMENTS - 5

- 1      [19-844](#)      From the County Executive, appointing William Meunier to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board for a term expiring December 11, 2022.

**Attachments:**      [19-844 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                  [19-844 REVISED APPOINTMENT LETTER \(12/02/19\)](#)  
                                  [19-844 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

William Meunier, Appointee, appeared and spoke in favor of this appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 2      [20-98](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Michael A. Kressuk, Jr., to the Council on Emergency Medical Services for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

**Attachments:**      [20-98 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [20-98 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Appointment be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 3      [20-99](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Benjamin Thelen to the Council on Emergency Medical Services for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

**Attachments:**      [20-99 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [20-99 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive**

**Benjamin Thelen, Appointee, appeared and spoke in favor of this appointment.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 4      [20-100](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Gloria Miller to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for a term expiring January 29, 2023.

**Attachments:**      [20-100 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [20-100 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive**

**Gloria Miller, Appointee, appeared and spoke in favor of this appointment.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Sebring that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 5      [20-101](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Dr. Gloria Jean Pitchford-Nicholas to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for a term expiring January 27, 2023.

**Attachments:**      [20-101 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [20-101 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Sarah Milnar McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

Dr. Gloria Jean Pitchford-Nicholas, Appointee, appeared and spoke in favor of this appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sebring that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

### RESOLUTIONS - 5

- 6      [19-738](#)      A resolution requesting and authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to explore program options for a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to provide services to residents at select Community School locations

**Sponsors:**      Nicholson

**Attachments:**      [19-738 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [19-738 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS)

David Muhammad, Deputy Director, DHHS, appeared but did not speak regarding this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Resolution be **LAI D OVER FOR ONE MEETING**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 7      [19-964](#)      A resolution recognizing October as annual Down Syndrome Awareness Month in Milwaukee County and promoting awareness, advocacy, and inclusion throughout the community

**Sponsors:**      Taylor and Martin

**Attachments:**      [19-964 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-964 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 2  
Terri Williams, Legislative Assistant, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Martin requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sebring that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

**Items 8, 9, and 10 were considered together.**

- 8      [19-965](#)      A resolution recognizing November as annual Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month in Milwaukee County and promoting awareness and advocacy for improved health outcomes

**Sponsors:**      Taylor and Martin

**Attachments:**      [19-965 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-965 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 2

Items 8, 9, and 10 were considered together.

Supervisor Martin requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10 be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 9      [19-966](#)      Recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month and increasing community awareness through Diabetes education, and promoting healthy living through a balanced diet and physical activity

**Sponsors:**      Taylor and Martin

**Attachments:**      [19-966 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-966 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 2

Items 8, 9, and 10 were considered together.

Supervisor Martin requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10 be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 10      [19-967](#)      A resolution recognizing November as Lung Cancer and Stomach Cancer Awareness Month and increase community awareness through lung and stomach cancer education, and promoting healthy living by not smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and other carcinogens such as radon and asbestos, treating the *Helicobacter pylori* bacterium, and eating healthy

**Sponsors:**      Taylor and Martin

**Attachments:**      [19-967 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [19-967 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 2

Items 8, 9, and 10 were considered together.

Supervisor Martin requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that the Resolutions associated with Items 8 through 10 be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

## CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES - 1

- 11      [20-131](#)      From the Director of Child Support Services providing an informational report regarding Resolution 19-969 - A resolution authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Services to review the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Birth Costs Recovery (BCR) policy to help determine the fiscal and racial equity impacts of discontinuing the practice in Milwaukee County and how BCR elimination can be implemented in the County. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [2020 January CSS BCR Board Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - DCF 150 Appendix D](#)  
[Attachment 2 Milwaukee County Birth Expense Orders May 2019](#)  
[Attachment 3 CSS November Birth Expenses Count](#)  
[Attachment 4 Myth vs Fact BCR WCSEA](#)  
[20-131 DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS \(01/29/20\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Janet Nelson, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Child Support Services

The following people appeared and spoke against this item:

Bobby Peterson, ABC Health, Incorporated  
Dr. Geoffrey Swain, Wisconsin Public Health Association

Mr. Peterson and Dr. Swain distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "20-131 Distributed Materials (01/29/20)."

A motion was made by Supervisor Sebring that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 3**

- 12      [20-110](#)      A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing a plan for capital project WS12601 - DHHS Relocation and requesting release of capital funding from contingency. **(Referred to the Committees on Health and Human Needs and Finance and Audit)**

**Attachments:**      [20-110 REPORT](#)  
                                 [20-110 REVISED REPORT \(01/27/20\)](#)  
                                 [20-110 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [20-110 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [20-110 POWERPOINT \(01/14/2020\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Peter Nilles, Director of Planning and Development, Facilities Management  
Division, Department of Administrative Services  
David Muhammad, Deputy Director, DHHS

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Martin, Alexander, Sebring and Moore Omokunde

**Excused:** 1 - Wasserman

- 13      [20-21](#)      From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report regarding the implementation of a Secured Residential Care Center for Children and Youth in Milwaukee County, under 2017 Wisconsin Act 185. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [20-21 JANUARY REPORT \(01/13/2020\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Mark Mertens, Administrator, Division of Youth and Family Services, DHHS

The January Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 14      [20-20](#)      From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report regarding commitments in the State of Wisconsin Division of Juvenile Corrections. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [20-20 JANUARY REPORT \(01/13/2020\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Mark Mertens, Administrator, Division of Youth and Family Services, DHHS

The January Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:04 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Health and Human Needs**

Deadline for the next meeting: The next regular meeting for the Committee on Health and Human Needs is Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

All original documents and agenda setting copies MUST be in the Committee Coordinator's possession on or before Friday, February 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.