



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 Sheldon A. Wasserman
Supervisor Ryan Clancy
Supervisor Russell Antonio Goodwin, Sr.

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Wednesday, May 20, 2020

9:00 AM

County Legislative Information Center

VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center:
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:10 a.m.

Present 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde
Excused 2 - Martin and Wasserman

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 1

1 [20-28](#) Public written comments submitted by email to all members of the Committee on Health and Human Needs via HHN@milwaukeecountywi.gov. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

*The Office of the County Clerk collects written comments submitted via HHN@milwaukeecountywi.gov, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 20-28.

There were no public written comments submitted for this meeting.

This Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

APPOINTMENTS - 4

- 2** [20-177](#) From the County Executive, appointing Rachael A. Bush to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board for a term expiring March 18, 2023.
- Attachments:** [20-177 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-177 BIOGRAPHY RESUME](#)
 [20-177 CROWLEY SUPPORT LETTER \(Received 05/14/20\)](#)
- APPEARANCE:**
Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive
- Rachel A. Bush, Appointee, appeared virtually, and spoke in favor of this appointment.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:
- Aye:** 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde
- Excused:** 2 - Martin and Wasserman
- 3** [20-178](#) From the County Executive, appointing Walter A. Wochos to the Commission on Aging for a term expiring March 18, 2023. **(05/20/20: Laid Over for One Meeting)**
- Attachments:** [20-178 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-178 BIOGRAPHY RESUME](#)
 [20-178 CROWLEY SUPPORT LETTER \(05/14/20\)](#)
- APPEARANCE:**
Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive
- A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Appointment be **LAI D OVER FOR ONE MEETING**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:
- Aye:** 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde
- Excused:** 2 - Martin and Wasserman

- 4 [20-181](#) From the County Executive, appointing Dr. Benjamin Weston to the Council on Emergency Medical Services a term expiring March 18, 2023

Attachments: [20-181 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-181 BIOGRAPHY RESUME](#)
 [20-181 CROWLEY SUPPORT LETTER \(Received 05/14/20\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive

Dr. Benjamin Weston, Medical Director, Office of Emergency Management, and Appointee, appeared virtually, and spoke in favor of this appointment.

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

Aye: 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde

Excused: 2 - Martin and Wasserman

- 5 [20-180](#) From the County Executive, appointing Dan Pojar to the Council on Emergency Medical Services for a term expiring March 18, 2023.

Attachments: [20-180 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-180 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)
 [20-180 CROWLEY SUPPORT LETTER \(Received 05/14/20\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive

Dan Pojar, Emergency Medical Services Division Director, Office of Emergency Management, and Appointee, appeared virtually, and spoke in favor of this appointment.

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

Aye: 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde

Excused: 2 - Martin and Wasserman

RESOLUTIONS - 2

- 6 [20-266](#) A resolution requesting the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Services discontinue the discretionary practice of pursuing birth cost recovery collections in child support cases in Milwaukee County effective May 1, 2020, and earmarking \$250,000 in Org. Unit 1840-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to offset the loss of related revenues

Sponsors: Lipscomb Sr.

Attachments: [20-266 RESOLUTION](#)
 [20-266 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

James Sullivan, Director, Child Support Services

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

Aye: 2 - Clancy and Moore Omokunde

No: 1 - Goodwin Sr.

Excused: 2 - Martin and Wasserman

- 7 [20-287](#) A resolution to modify the policy of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and other Departments to adopt the Wisconsin Caregiver Law for barrable offenses as part of the background check process for contract agency employees who provide direct care and services to youth, adhere to the State of Wisconsin Rehabilitation appeals review process, retain the County's policy to recognize Wisconsin Chapter 948 Crimes Against Children as a barrable offense (for those offenses not already barred by the State Caregiver Law) and urge the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board which oversees the DHHS-Behavioral Health Division to adopt this policy

Sponsors: Moore Omokunde

Attachments: [20-287 RESOLUTION](#)
 [20-287 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

David Muhammad, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Shakita LaGrant, Interim Director, DHHS

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

Aye: 3 - Clancy, Goodwin Sr. and Moore Omokunde

Excused: 2 - Martin and Wasserman

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - 1

- 8 [20-272](#) From the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), an Informational Report on current activities and considerations for COVID-19 **(Considered by the Committee on Health and Human Needs, and Committee of the Whole) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [20-272 REPORT.pdf](#)
[20-272 REVISED REPORT \(03/04/20\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Christine Westrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Dr. Benjamin Weston, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services, OEM

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 4

- 9 [20-230](#) From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report regarding domestic violence funding within the Housing Division's 2020 budget

Attachments: [20-230 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Shakita LaGrant, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
James Mathy, Administrator, Housing Division, DHHS
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 2

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

- 10 [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 MARCH REPORT \(03/04/20\)](#)
[20-20 MAY REPORT \(05/15/20\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Shakita LaGrant, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Mark Mertens, Administrator, Division of Youth and Family Services, DHHS

The March and May Reports associated with this Reference File were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 11 [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 MARCH REPORT \(03/03/20\)](#)
 [20-21 MAY REPORT \(05/15/20\)](#)

APPEARANCES:
Shakita LaGrant, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Mark Mertens, Administrator, Division of Youth and Family Services, DHHS

The March and May Reports associated with this Reference File were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 12 [20-388](#) An informational report from the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, on measures to protect youth and staff in the Vel R Phillips Youth Detention Center from COVID-19 infection **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [20-388 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:
Shakita LaGrant, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Mark Mertens, Administrator, Division of Youth and Family Services, DHHS

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:10 a.m. to 11:50 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, June 17, 2020.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before,
Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.