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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-130 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Jessica Hankey and T.J. Mertz

Absent: 1 - Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loumos, seconded by Mertz to approve the March 11, 2015 minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Bidar-Sielaff shared her connection to UW Health and work with MMSD Mental Health Initiatives.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [37896](#) Presentation-Truancy Report, Judge Koval

Attachments: [2013 2014 MunicipalCourt TruancyReport.pdf](#)

This item was discussed 1st.

Judge Koval was present to discuss Truancy Court. He rotates with different high schools in the area for Truancy Court sessions. Students and parents/guardians attend as well as counselors, school nurses or other school staff when needed. Students are offered other options before they are sent to Truancy Court. Habitual truancy is considered 5 or more unexcused absences per quarter. Judge Koval clarified that those students appearing at Truancy Court are way beyond the 5 unexcused absences. The goal is to see progress in attendance, not perfection, in students.

Judge Koval discussed that the majority of truancy issues are related to high mobility rates often due to homelessness and mental health issues that may affect the student or family members. Judge Koval also discussed the transition

for 9th and 10th graders being difficult without many alternative options available for those individuals. The schools try to be proactive before students attend Truancy Court. Judge Koval added that more mental health and transportation options could make a difference, specifically transportation to alternative programs.

1. [37895](#) Presentation-MMSD Mental Health Initiative, Jeannette Deloya

Attachments: [MMSD Mental Health Plan](#)
[Mental Health Plan Status Update](#)

Jeannette Deloya the MMSD Coordinator for Mental Health discussed current initiatives. In 2013 Mental Health Task Force was created and an action plan was developed. There has been a national movement towards school based Mental Health Initiatives. A screening at the 6th grade level can help to identify students who may need further assistance. Students get interviewed to determine their current status and only those that need it will participate in the intervention program with school staff and community partners. Families are also eligible to receive services and get reimbursed from Medicaid and community insurance. This is a community collaborated effort that includes the WI Trauma Project.

3. [37897](#) Discussion-Committee Next Steps

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Mertz to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.