

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, April 20, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Christine Howard, Robert Kolb, Chuck Wood, William Zaborowski, Citizen Members Jeffrey Genner (11:04), Steven Kulick, Mary Lodes, Michael O'Brien, and Tim Whitmore

Also Present: Health and Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health and Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Health and Human Services Administrative Services Division Manager Randy Setzer, Health and Human Services Accounting Services Coordinator Will Emslie, Department of Administration Senior Financial Budget Analyst Steve Trimborn. Recorded by Julie Bartelt, Health and Human Services Departmental Secretary.

Approve Minutes of 3-23-17

Motion: Zaborowski moved, second by Lodes to approve the minutes of March 23, 2017.
Motion carried 7-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Lodes is on the Mental Health Advisory Committee and reported they have completed a thorough review of their by-laws and will be bringing the recommended changes to the HHS Board for review and approval, possibly at the May meeting.

Announcements

Howard announced that the Jump for Archie event is on May 21, 2017. Flyers were shared.

Howard also stated that in the future, during the unmet needs presentations to the HHS Board annually in March, please remember to limit your opinions and respectfully listen to the volunteer presenters.

Review Public Hearing Input and Written Input to Department

The Public Hearing packets included a summary of how many people attended, a summary of comments, and copies of letters received. Mostly, the speakers and letters reflected appreciation and desired continuation and/or expansion due to growing needs of the community, of the current programming offered through HHS. Many success stories were shared. There was discussion regarding one specific letter making allegations of an ethics violation by a Health and Human Services Staff. That matter is currently under review by the County's Human Resources Department.

Review Advisory Committee Recommendation Work Pages

A summary handed out of the needs presented by the advisory committees, indicating any necessary funding, was reviewed and discussed.

Robertson explained the HHS Board budget process, and the HHS Department's internal process of zero based budgeting, the focus to identify and serve the various needs of the community by collaborating with non-profits, internal continuous process improvements, re-allocation of resources and/or staff, and partnering with other counties or regionalizing expenses. Lodes requested that global overview and expertise be shared with the HHS Board. Robertson agreed and indicated that throughout the year, HHS will continue to provide educational opportunities to the HHS Board and HHS Committee from the various programs, division managers, supervisors, and line staff, as well as the community. Wood added that the HHS Board appreciates the holistic approach taken by HHS to the process, and in making the best of limited funding.

Prioritize and Create Communications to County Executive

While all of the recommendations from the advisory committees are important priorities, the HHS Board determined the following as the top four chief priorities:

- 1) Increase the funding to the contracted service providers, who have had no increases for a number of years. The county could not afford to provide these services in-house and we cannot lose these essential service providers. HHS can use operational practices to determine who would get what percentage of an increase based on their needs, rather than simply an across the board increase.
- 2) Heroin/opioid abuse treatment and mental health services, training, credentialing and utilizing additional AODA/MH Peer Support Specialists.
- 3) Mobile crisis staff, add one FTE. That one additional position to the 24/7 mandated crisis response team results in not only assisting the individual in need, but their families, as well as significant cost savings by avoiding hospital, law enforcement, jail and court costs.
- 4) Group homes for children – there are currently none in Waukesha. To put children in residential facilities is much more expensive. Setzer suggested requesting seed money and doing a Request for Information (RFI) or Request for Proposal (RFP), giving a vendor some upfront funding to develop a group home, which would help the budget immensely. Setzer explained the dollars - approximately 75% less than residential homes. Wood suggested exploring a Community Block Grant.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Zaborowski to adjourn the Board at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard, Secretary
Health and Human Services Board