

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Chairs Howard and Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Christine Howard, Duane Paulson, Robert Kolb, Bill Zaborowski, Darlene Johnson, Chuck Wood, and Jeremy Walz.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson, Christine Howard, and Bill Zaborowski, and citizen members Mary Lodes, Michael O'Brien, Tim Whitmore, and Dr. Steven Kulick.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Waukesha Community Dental Clinic Executive Director Renee Ramirez, Mental Health Center Administrator Jeff Lewis, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Epidemiologist/County Health Officer Ben Jones, WIC Program Supervisor Mary Jo Hamman, Children & Family Services Manager Lisa Roberts, Safe Babies Healthy Families Assistant Executive Director Amy Baumann, and Adolescent & Family Services Manager Ron Pupp. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 5-12-16

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of May 12. Motion carried 7-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Zaborowski indicated Aging & Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) Manager Luann Page announced her retirement at the June 2 ADRC Advisory Committee meeting. ADRC staff also gave presentations on the Grandparent Program and the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Program. ADRC staff are reviewing marketing materials for dental health, a new area for them. He advised ADRC staff are looking at alternate locations for the Oconomowoc meal site. Parking is located across the street and this has resulted in access problems, particularly for people in wheel chairs. Utilization is relatively low at this meal site compared to others in the county. Also, Zaborowski noted the volunteer dinner was held at the Country Inn in March with 300 attendees.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

- July 14

Executive Committee Report of 5-16-16

Howard highlighted the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Proposed future agenda items included consent agenda, two-year vs. five-year budget forecasting, and County insurance costs to cover employees' spouses.
- Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth gave an update on the State Legislature's current study committees.
- Jim Heinrich was elected vice chair and Peter Wolff was elected secretary.
- Discussed committee duties and responsibilities as outlined in the County Code.

- Reviewed the Collections Division audit.
- Approved ordinances and appointments that have since been considered by the County Board.

Announcements

Johnson complimented the District Attorney's Office (Victim Witness Program) Spring Remembrance Service of which she attended.

Board Agenda Items

Advisory Committee Reports

Lodes highlighted the most recent Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting which included presentations by Health & Human Services staff on the Community Support and Peer Specialist programs.

Announcements

Paulson advised an effort by some state legislators to simplify the process Veterans Services offices need to adhere to in order to receive their funding seems to have been successful. Also, Governor Walker's administration has dropped their plans to shift Family Care to for-profit insurers.

Items For Discussion And Consideration

Overview of the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic (*Combined*)

Ramirez said the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic addresses the unmet needs of dental care for low income individuals living in Waukesha County. Their mission is to provide oral health and oral health education so that no one suffers from dental pain. Since opening in 2008, the clinic has provided more than \$12.6 million worth of dental care services to more than 12,600 individuals. Annually, they provide 10,000 appointments and serve about 4,000 people per year, the majority of whom are children. The clinic performs about 200 federally mandated oral health screens for Head Start students each year. The clinic merged with the St. Joseph's Dental Program in 2012. In addition, health education and clinic outreach is provided in partnership with La Casa and the clinic also partners with Waukesha County Public Health working with high risk pregnant mothers. The clinic is expanding their work to adults with special health needs in partnership with the ADRC, and to children who are aging out of their pediatric dental program with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The clinic accepts Medicaid and those without insurance must prove they are low income which is 200% of the federal poverty guideline whereby a sliding fee scale applies. The clinic employs 25 paid staff members and specialists are also called in on occasion. There are also volunteer dentists who work for the national Give Kids a Smile Program. Staff will refer clients to the ADRC and other Health & Human Services programs for services when applicable. The clinic is sustainable through grants, donations, and contracts including Older Americans Act dollars, United Way funding, Community Development Block grant funds, etc.

Overview of the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program (*Combined*)

Hamman said the federally funded WIC Program began as a pilot in 1972 in Kentucky and there are 7.8 million participants nationwide (2015). The mission of WIC is to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care. Hamman said WIC is a very cost effective program that provides quality nutrition education and services,

breastfeeding promotion and support, a monthly food prescription of nutritious foods, and referrals to healthcare, doctors, dentists and other programs. Hamman discussed eligibility requirements and income guidelines. In Waukesha County, 1,251 families participate in WIC. Studies show WIC improves the dietary intake of pregnant and postpartum women and improves weight gain in pregnant women. In addition, pregnant women participating in WIC receive prenatal care earlier whereby improving birth outcomes. WIC participation reduces fetal deaths and infant mortality, increases the duration of pregnancies, reduces low birth weight rates, and improves the growth of nutritionally and at-risk infants and children. Every dollar spent on prenatal WIC participation saves \$1.77 to \$3.13 within the first 60 days after birth. Studies have shown that children enrolled in WIC are more likely to have a regular source of medical/dental care and be current on immunizations. Also, children who receive WIC benefits demonstrate improved intellectual development, decreased incidences of iron deficiency anemia, and decreased overweight and obesity rates.

Overview of the Children and Family Services Division (*Combined*)

Roberts said the Child & Family Division works collaboratively in order to provide quality services to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the children and families they serve. The three units in the division are Child Protective Services (\$4,403,819 budget), Children with Special Needs (\$1,701,969 budget), and Birth to Three (\$971,000 budget includes developmental screenings). There is also the Children's Long Term Support Waiver (\$4,550,278 budget). Roberts discussed each of the units in detail, the multitude of partnerships and collaborations, the Trauma Informed Care initiative, permanency objectives for at-risk children, and clients served per unit. The division has 58 employees: 32 full-time County employees and 26 contracted employees who served over 1,640 families in 2015.

Child Protective Services provides in-home safety services to families with children who are or have been at-risk of abuse and neglect. The primary objective is to keep kids within their families and connected to their community and school system whereby working with the family to rectify problems. About one-half of the kids are placed in out-of-home care due to safety issues that cannot be rectified through services. Roberts noted there are about 100 kids in out-of-home care at any given time (200 including the Adolescent & Family Division). These numbers are extremely low compared to other counties of similar size throughout the state.

The Children with Special Needs Unit (Waiver Program) prevents institutional care by providing in-home supports and services for children with pervasive chronic disabilities such as Autism, physical disabilities, etc. Eligibility screenings are performed for each child and these are very high-end, special needs children. About 570 kids with Autism or other disabilities were served last year with either waiver funds or Children's Community Options funding. As of June 13, 263 kids were waiting to get onto one of the waivers. However, additional supports and services are offered to about half of those kids, the most in-need, while they wait. Roberts noted this unit is a big budget driver.

The Birth to Three Program is a public/private partnership with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) providing early intervention to parents with children from birth to age three who demonstrate at least a 25% delay in one or more areas of development. Other services include development screening and prevention for children at-risk due to trauma exposure. The program serves about 500 children each year. LSS has about 25 staff members working with the County which include parent educators, coordinators, speech and occupational therapists, etc.

Roberts advised the County also contracts with Safe Babies Healthy Families. She described the program as preventive to stop some families from coming to the County for deeper end, higher need services. Baumann discussed the program in detail. Baumann said they work with high risk families beginning at pregnancy and until the child turns five. Last year they worked with about 300 families. Services include ensuring a healthy pregnancy, performing developmental assessments (which can result in referrals to the Birth to Three Program), child abuse and neglect prevention, and ensuring children are kindergarten ready. Last year, 85% of their “graduates” were kindergarten ready and none of their families had a case of substantiated abuse or neglect. Cross checks for child abuse and neglect are done for each family by Health & Human Services. Staff also work with drug and alcohol affected infants and at any given time, there are about 20 babies who fall into this category.

Roberts noted the Child & Family Services Advisory Committee is looking for a new member. Howard asked all present to consider serving on, what she referred to as, a remarkable and important piece of health and human services.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Walz to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:43 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Appointments at Mental Health Center (*Board*)

Lewis discussed the appointments of Eugene Braaksma, Ph.D. (psychology) and James Stevens, M.D. (psychology). Lewis said background and reference checks have been completed and their work has been very good to date.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Lodes to approve the appointment of James Stevens, M.D. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by O’Brien to approve the appointment of Eugene Braaksma, Ph.D. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Lodes moved, second by Kulick to adjourn the board meeting at 2:48 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Kolb
Secretary