

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, September 14, 2023

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff, Jennifer Grant, Jeremy Walz, Matthew Weil, Johnny Koremenos and Tom Schellinger. **Absent:** Supervisor Larry Bangs

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Chairman Paul Decker, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, ADRC Manager Mary Smith, Director of Health and Human Services Liz Aldred, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Public Communications Coordinator Nicole Kelly, PMI Manager John Hinchey, Business Application Support Manager Sandy Masker and Project Manager/Business Analyst Mike McAdams

Approve Minutes of June 27

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Koremenos to approve the minutes of June 27. Motion carried 6-0

Next Meeting Date

October 19

Executive Committee Report of August 22

Wolff reported that the Committee approved nine appointments.

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that the legislature is back this week. A series of election bills has been introduced, and County Clerk Meg Wartman and Fraley have been offering feedback and may be providing testimony at an informational meeting. One of the main issues is to align the primary election dates so that two iterations of primary ballots do not have to be sent out. There was funding dedicated in the State budget for the concept of mental health urgent care setting. Legislation has been introduced to direct DHS to operationalize this innovative solution.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 178-R-003 Adopt Five-Year Capital Projects Plan IT- HHS (Item 44)

Aldred, Masker and Hinchey were present to discuss the above-listed capital project as outlined in the 2024-2028 Capital Projects Plan. No major concerns were voiced.

MOTION: Koremenos moved, second by Weil to recommend approval of the above-listed capital project to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-0

Update on the Specialized Transportation Program

Smith and Aldred presented that this program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Specialized Transportation fund, which is about a \$1 million grant from the state and then Waukesha is obligated to match it by 20%. The program offers subsidized rides for

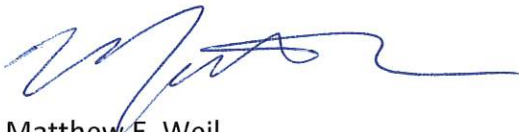
adults with disabilities ages 18 to 59 and seniors over the age of 60. Last year a consultant was hired to evaluate the operations, and the County did a Request for Proposal (RFP) for accessible van service. The bids came in over budget, so they rescope the proposal to include only non-ambulatory individuals. Wisconsin Transportation LLC provided a proposal of \$42 per ride within a community, \$58 per ride from one community to another and \$85 per ride for out of county rides. With the left over money, they are working on pilot projects for 2024 such as subsidizing the consumer for their own transportation such as Uber, and providing accessibility to someone's personal van so family will be able to transport them. They have also been working on developing or purchasing software to be used for applications and data, which is now done manually. This was a strong recommendation from the consultant last year.

Informational Presentation on OAK boxes

Aldred and Kelly showed the committee an Overdose Aid Kit (OAK) and explained the contents. The kit contains Naloxone, which is a medication used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Also, included in the kits are a breathing mask and gloves, drug administration instructions, Fentanyl testing strips, information about resources for treatment and recovery support, Waukesha County partner information and SAMSHA hotline information. The County is looking to partner with local businesses, nonprofits, schools, government agencies and law enforcement agencies to host an OAK box. They are still getting calls requesting the boxes and just ordered more. Hosts are asked to check the contents daily and order more supplies if necessary.

MOTION: Weil moved, second by Koremenos to adjourn at 1:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew E. Weil
Secretary – Health & Human Services Committee