

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Thursday, August 17, 2023
8:30 a.m.

Chair Nelson called the Public Hearing to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Larry Nelson, Supervisor Christine Howard, Supervisor Joel Gaughan, Mary Baer, Christine Beck, Mary Berg, Vicki Dallman-Papke, Dr. Mike Goldstone, Robert Menefee Jr.,

Also Present: Waukesha County Executive, Paul Farrow, Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Elizabeth Aldred, Health & Human Services (HHS) Deputy Director Lisa Roberts, Health & Human Services (HHS) Public Communications Coordinator Nicole Kelly, Public Hearing Coordinator Donna Ferguson, Departmental Executive Assistant Mary Kay Reinbold

Absent:

Nelson welcomed the public and introduced the HHS board members. County Executive Paul Farrow, Director Elizabeth Aldred and Deputy Director Lisa Roberts introduced themselves. Nelson explained the rules of conduct for the public hearing.

Public Hearing Speakers

1. Sara C., works for WCS. Their mission is to advocate for justice and community service. They have people here today to talk about the benefits of the program and are proud of the people they serve. She highlighted some data on the program.

2. Stephanie R., is a graduate of a drug treatment program from WCS. She was a felon and a heroin addict for 22 years. She has never had more caring people look after her. She is now 1185 days clean and wants to help addicts in the future.

3. Sharon D. is the Spring City Corner Clubhouse Director and looking for funding for program development. Clubhouse has developed a welcoming culture and there is a critical need for the transitional employment program. We ask for more funding for the Spring City Clubhouse.

4. Maija H., has been coming to the Spring City Corner Clubhouse for 4 years and it has taught her to be herself and independent. This is a good place for her mental health, and she asks to continue to fund Spring City Corner City Clubhouse.

5. Karen D., Spring City Corner Clubhouse is a place that fits her needs. She has had depression most of her life and diagnosed with bi-polar disorder. She was introduced to clubhouse about 5 years ago and glad to be where people could help her.

6. Olivia C., Olivia says long term care has allowed her to stay home and experience life and become a valued citizen.

7. Patty C., Olivia is going to be 30 years old and the first 21 years of life she was in all state funded programs. Once Olivia turned 21 she stopped receiving care and Patty and her husband had to adjust work schedules and quit jobs to take care of her. Be aware that more people are

being neglected. Olivia is now part of the Adaptive Community Approach Program and wants to contribute to the community.

8. Lisa B. She is part of the Adaptive Community Approach Program and introduced daughter Jenny B.

9. Jenny B., is a part of the Adaptive Community Approach Program and she speaks about the need to continue to support the critical care crisis. She lives in a group home and needs appropriate people to take care of her. Several members have lost their group homes and can't get any services.

8. Amy M., is representing Spring City Corner Clubhouse and reads a letter from the daughter of a former Clubhouse member to encourage funding the Clubhouse for as many years as possible because her mom learned valuable and practical skills. The benefits change lives every day.

9. Karen Z., Brookfield, has been going to the Spring City Corner Clubhouse for almost 3 years and it helps her stay stable in recovery. She lives in condo for 16 years and involved in many activities. This is a much-needed program.

10. Pat Z., Waukesha, He comes to the Spring City Clubhouse for different reasons. It gives him a sense of purpose and hope for future endeavors. It is his rock and cornerstone and asks to keep the doors open.

11. Chontell P., her brother Joshua was member of Spring City Corner Clubhouse but passed away a month ago. He changed and it gave him purpose. He was depressed for years but learned he was not alone, and illness does not have to control his life. Mental illness doesn't have to define you. Helping people helped him feel needed. His dream was to keep the clubhouse going to have a place to belong.

12. Marie U., Waukesha is member of Spring City Clubhouse for 13 years. She has learned how to cook and bake. She has a permanent position at Linden Grove. She asks for continued funding for this much needed program.

13. Matthew T., is a member of the Clubhouse for 12 years and provides him structure and a way to focus. He has not been hospitalized and has a part time job now.

14. Tony B., The Clubhouse is a stepping- stone in mental illness. It restores confidence and self- worth each day. Thank you to Sharon the director, and staff for continued commitment while understaffed.

15. Christy S., Her daughter, Julie passed away in a moldy apartment. She is concerned with who is going to enforce a remedy, as there is no mold ordinance. More than half of states in the U.S. do not have anything for mold. What about others in the building. 50% of buildings have mold. She expressed the need to educate people about this and wants to create an ordinance.

16. Amber H., is a member of the Adaptive Community program and WCTC graduate and lives with her aunt and uncle. She is worried there will not be well trained caregivers to help when she moves out. She sees the need to pursue programming for new caregivers and to raise their pay to continue caregiving. She doesn't need a caregiver but has seen tragedies because of the lack of experience with caregivers.

17. Lukas O., is a member of the Spring City Clubhouse since 2013. He attempted suicide and is diagnosed with depression and many other things. It has helped him find and keep a job for 5 years now. He officially credits the Clubhouse and looks forward to the future with the Clubhouse.

18. Jim F., is a long-time resident of New Berlin but just moved to West Allis. On Dec 13, 2022- he needed a place of comfort when dad passed. The Spring City Corner Clubhouse provides a nice sense of belonging where he has learned how to cook. Thank you for supporting Spring City Corner Clubhouse.

19. Patricia W., is a member of Spring City Corner Clubhouse since March 2023. She lived in Delaware for 31 years. She developed arthritis and went on disability at 51 so she is now here with family. Since she cannot work, her counselor suggested Spring City Corner Clubhouse to help with the isolation. It has brought her to knowing herself again and be a productive member of society. Please keep funding the Spring City Corner Clubhouse.

20. Shari S., is a member of Spring City Corner Clubhouse for 12 years and in that time has not been hospitalized. She has helped and done so many things at the Clubhouse. She has seen many members blossom and excel and very important to members and the community. Please help fund the staff. The Clubhouse has lost 4 of their members and she lost her roommate yesterday who was an active member of the Clubhouse as well.

Nelson thanked the exceptional HHS staff and glad to hear how HHS is helping all those that spoke today. They all spoke from the heart and their personal stories were appreciated.

Public Hearing Ended: 9:45 a.m.

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board Thursday, August 17, 2023

Chair Nelson called the HHS Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Larry Nelson, Supervisor Christine Howard, Supervisor Joel Gaughan, Mary Baer, Christine Beck, Mary Berg, Dr. Mike Goldstone, Robert Menefee Jr.

Also Present: Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Elizabeth Aldred, Health & Human Services (HHS) Deputy Director Lisa Roberts, Administrative Services Division Manager Randy Setzer, Accounting Budget Coordinator Kelly Bolin, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Senior Financial Analyst Alex Klosterman, Economic Support Coordinator Robert Klingforth, ADRC Division Manager Mary Smith, Nutrition/Transport Services Supervisor Mike Glasgow, Public Health Coordinator Elizabeth Laatsch, Child & Family Manager Division Manager Penny Nevicosi, Adolescent & Family Division Manager Ron Pupp, Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler, Outpatient Services Administrator Danielle Birdeau, Integrated Services Coordinator John Kettler, Public Communications Coordinator Nicole Kelly,, Departmental Executive Assistant Mary Kay Reinbold, and Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain

Absent: Vicki Dallman-Papke

Approve Minutes of July 27 for the HHS Board Meetings

MOTION: Goldstone moved, second by Howard, to approve the HHS Board minutes of July 27. Motion carried 8-0.

Review of Correspondence

There is no correspondence to review.

Advisory and Standing Committee Reports

Baer encouraged other committees have Aldred present Community Needs Assessment presentation.

Nelson will be attending the 2023 Prenatal-to-Three County Leaders Academy with Penny Nevicosi on August 29-31, 2023. It is a national conference that is a combination of a prenatal to 3 and opioid services network.

Board Approval of Advisory Committee Membership and Chairs

Board members reviewed and discussed the following documents: Child & Family Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) Membership Changes, Mental Health Advisory Committee Membership Changes, and Public Health Advisory Committee Membership Changes.

MOTION: Baer moved, second by Howard, to approve the Child & Family Services Advisory Committee Membership Changes, Mental Health Advisory Committee Membership Changes, and Public Health Advisory Committee Membership Changes. Motion carried 8-0.

Overview of 2024 Budget

Aldred and Roberts reviewed a presentation titled “HHS Proposed 2024 Budget Presentation.”

Next Meeting Date

September 21, 2023

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items.

MOTION: Goldstone moved, second by Baer, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Nelson

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HHS Board Chair