

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
February 15, 2022

Present SUAC Committee: WI Community Services (Susie Austin), Department of Corrections (Marla Bell), AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County (Tom Graves, Vice Chair), Addiction Resource Council (Lindsay Just, Chair / Sam Schutte at 3:45 p.m.), WisHope/SALS Recovery (Ryan Schneider)

Absent SUAC Committee: Bethany Christian Centers (Deb Adamus), SOFA (Lauri Badura), Rogers Memorial (Jim Hishmeh), Pat Miller, Thunder and Rain (Shari Kleppe), Lutheran Social Services (Connie Schrank)

Absent HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Jessica Brost, Brea Lopez, Janelle McClain, Cindy Tomazevic

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bell moved, second by Just, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committee's minutes of November 16, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Discuss 2022 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board on April 28, 2022

Just, Mary Madden (MHAC Co-Chair), TJ Findley (MHAC Co-Chair), and Rachel Sauer (MHAC Vice Chair), met regarding the joint Community Prioritized Needs Presentation. After reviewing the information from both committees, they came up with the following topics:

1. Accessibility

- a. Transportation Issues (i.e. the bus system does not go into the further areas in the community and could be costly or difficult to secure an Uber)
- b. Backlogged and closing clinics
- c. Telehealth, including the positives and negatives
- d. Community treatment options after 5pm and on the weekends.

2. Housing

- a. Homelessness
- b. Voucher issues with landlords and HUG
- c. Recovery housing
- d. Changes in transitional residential housing

3. Educational Purposes

- a. Peer Specialists – What they do and how organizations can utilize them

Attendees also discussed a desire to include continuing funding for existing programs.

Just left at 3:45 p.m. Graves Chaired the rest of the meeting.

4. **Committee and Organizational Updates**

a. **HHS Board Liaison**

McClain provided a brief update on the hybrid meeting pilot program that the HHS Board has been conducting since October.

b. **HHS Staff Liaison**

Kettler reported that the new crisis stabilization therapist has started with Waukesha County.

The crisis team now has a crisis worker embedded in the Sheriff's Department. This has helped to reduce the response time for those calls that she has been able to respond to.

Two requests for proposals for community media campaigns are being prepared. The campaigns will focus on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as well as ensuring treatment options are readily available for the black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) populations.

Yauchler stated that Waukesha County is working with the new DHS 75 rule that is going into effect in October.

Telehealth services continue to be offered at HHS – currently with outpatient providers. The crisis team will pilot using telehealth with the support of law enforcement (Waukesha Police Department). If the pilot goes well, the team will have the option to offer telehealth to law enforcement agencies that are located further from Waukesha, thus decreasing response time.

Approval to utilize ARPA funds to remodel the Mental Health Center (MHC) has not been approved yet, but there is strong support for the project. Part of the MHC inpatient unit will be renovated to house a crisis stabilization unit. The crisis team would be moved from the Human Services Center to the MHC, along with court monitoring and community-based crisis services.

HHS is continuing to recruit for psychiatrists.

The Interagency Program for Intoxicated Drivers (IPID) Committee is having a provider forum in March.

The overflow shelter opened last weekend. The referral process still dictates to go to the other shelters first, and if they do not have capacity, they will refer to the overflow shelter. There are wings for single men and single women, 3 rooms for families, and 1 room on its own for those that test positive for COVID.

c. **Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP)**

CHIPP has wrapped up its previous cycle and is in the early stages of the new cycle. While the new cycle topics are still being finalized, it appears that drug use and mental health care have remained in the top 3, with the third topic being chronic disease management.

This standing agenda topic will be removed from future agendas until the county has progressed further along in the CHIPP process.

5. **Discuss the Transition of the Harm Reduction Pillar and Heroin Task Force (HTF) Involvement**
Kettler provided a brief history of the HTF and the Harm Reduction Pillar. Since the HTF has relaunched, the pillars have dissolved and there is now a specific harm reduction work team. SUAC will keep HTF updates on the agenda but will no longer be fulfilling a role as a committee to the HTF.

6. **Agency Updates / Announcements**
Nalox boxes will be placed at the Day Report Center and WCS the first week of March. The boxes will provide Narcan and will be refilled as needed.

Jump for Archie will be held on June 15.

The AODA Volunteers softball bag will be held on September 17 at Banting Park.

7. **Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda**

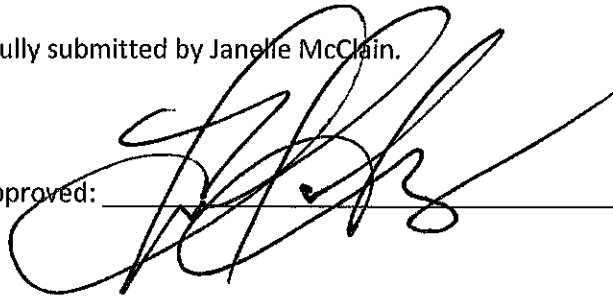
- Dr. Christian and Dr. Goldstone presenting on MAT. Dr. Christian may not be able to do it due to scheduling.

8. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

9. **Adjourn**
Motion: Austin moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: _____



Date: _____

