

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
February 16, 2021

Present SUAC Committee: Deb Adamus, Susie Austin, Laurie Badura, Marla Bell, Tom Graves (Vice Chair), Jim Hishmeh, Lindsay Just (Chair), Shari Kleppe, Connie Schrank

Absent SUAC Committee: Peter Brunzelle, Pat Miller

Present HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Liz Aldred, Michael Bauer, Mary Goggins, Theresa Imp, Janelle McClain

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bell moved, second by Austin, to approve the joint Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committees minutes of January 11, 2021. Just abstained. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Community Needs Presentation for Annual 2021 HHS Board Presentation Discussion

Yauchler and Austin recapped the presentation discussion at yesterday's Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) meeting.

Aldred stated that HHS Board Chair, Supervisor Larry Nelson, had stated to her last week that the advisory committees are not responsible for figuring out the costs for the needs that are presented.

Attendees agreed to jointly present the following topics with the MHAC:

- Housing in the community (i.e. shortage of shelter beds)
- Access to services (including marketing offered services to the community so they are aware of what is available)
- Medicaid benefit for residential services (and ensuring that those that qualify, have easy access to receive the benefit)

Kleppe left at 3:40 p.m. Adamus arrived at 3:45 p.m.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There was no HHS Board Liaison report.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Kettler provided an update as to the process for the Medicaid benefit, which will be access through the HHS Outpatient Clinic.

Waukesha County should receive an update regarding the 75.10 licensing that the Mental Health Center (MHC) has applied for.

There are now two peer specialists located in the HHS Outpatient Clinic.

Open Access will resume to being held in-person as of March 29. The Outpatient Clinic continues to move back to all in-person services, with the occasional video/telephone telehealth occurrence, should it be necessary – such as with a quarantine.

The mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics have begun. For additional information, please visit <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/covid19>.

Waukesha County was awarded the 5-year Urban Rural Women’s Substance Use Treatment Services grant, which will allow the county to implement the Women’s Health and Recovery Project (WHARP) model that was developed previously.

Dr. Christian, from the HHS Outpatient Clinic, has expressed an interest in offering Sublocade, the injection form of Suboxone, as an expansion of the medication-assisted therapy (MAT) services offered.

c. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP)

The Heroin Task Force (HTF) Steering Committee has met to discuss how to relaunch the HTF and how it will be structured (i.e. moving away from the pillar model that was utilized in the past). There was also discussion regarding turning the focus for the committee off HHS and back to the community with community partners.

d. Heroin Task Force (HTF) Harm Reduction Pillar

This topic will be removed from future agendas.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

The Jump for Archie event will be held on Saturday, May 15.

Bethany Recovery Center is close to opening day, just awaiting licenses and applicants to the recently posted positions.

The new curriculum for peer specialists will begin to be taught next month. Austin will be setting up an event for existing peer specialists to receive a refresher.

The Aspen Center has begun accepting the Medicaid benefit.

7. Discuss Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda

- Review final Community Needs presentation

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Badura moved, second by Adamus, to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved March 16, 2021.