

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, February 15, 2018

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

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

Board Members Present: Supervisors Chuck Wood, Christine Howard, and Bill Zaborowski, and Citizen Members Jeffrey Genner, and Mary Lodes. **Absent:** Supervisor Robert Kolb and Citizen Members Tim Whitmore, Mike O'Brien, Vicki Dallmann-Papke and Dr. Steven Kulick.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Public Health Advisory Committee Members Mary Beres and JoAnn Weidmann, Hope Center Executive Director Ralph Zick, Hope Center Director of Community Awareness Alden Luzi, Public Health Officer and Epidemiologist Ben Jones, Accounting Services Coordinator Will Emslie, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Manager Mary Smith, Public Communications Coordinator Linda Wickstrom, County Board Chair Paul Decker, and Senior Financial Analysts Clara Daniels and Steve Trimborn. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Public Comment

Beres requested that a County Board member be appointed to serve on the Public Health Advisory Committee as advisory committee members believe they have lost communications with the County Board. She noted mental health is a very important issue right now.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 1-11-18

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Johnson to approve the committee minutes of January 11. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- March 15

Executive Committee Report of 1-15-18

Howard said the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, approved increasing expenditures for the Menomonee Park beach house renovation project which has since been approved by the County Board, heard an update on cloud strategy and IT security, and heard standing committee reports.

Announcements

Johnson said it is likely that she will not be able to attend any meetings in March.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 1-11-18

MOTION: Lodes moved, second by Genner to approve the board minutes of January 11. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Review Advisory Committee Assignments (Lodes)

Next Meeting Date

- March 22

Committee/Board Discussion Items

Motion to Allow Secretary Kolb to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Committee (*Committee*)

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Johnson to allow Secretary Kolb to approve the final set(s) of committee minutes on behalf of the committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Hope Center (*Board and Committee*)

Zick and Luzi were present to discuss the Hope Center and its mission to reduce the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs. Services include hot meals, clothing, a day center, financial assistance, legal services, employment opportunities, and a children's library. Men, women, and children are all welcome. Luzi discussed Project Move which collects and delivers furniture for those in need. He said around 20,000 adults and children in Waukesha are living in or near poverty. Staff recently received Narcan training. Other organizations also provide services through information and referral. Walgreen's recently provided flu shots. Zick said the County has been a "big help and a great friend." Staff have seen many positive effects from the services they provide for those in dire need. Donations of children's books and men's clothing are always in need. Zick said various fundraisers are held throughout the year. Howard suggested holding a future meeting at the Hope Center. Zick and Luzi welcomed the idea.

Zick and Luzi discussed 2017 statistics: 4,653 unduplicated individuals visited the clothing shop 35,831 times and around 41% of all visits were for children; 688 unduplicated individuals visited the evening meal program 8,278 times; 1,128 unduplicated individuals visited the day center 19,226 times; 505 individuals received financial assistance totaling \$13,079; 1,065 households received 4,313 household items including 1,679 furniture items; 148 individuals were referred for legal services; and 1,597 volunteers have donated 30,777 hours of service to the Hope Center program guests.

Waukesha County Public Health Division Annual Report (*Board and Committee*)

Jones distributed copies of their annual report and highlighted same. During 2017, the Community Health Improvement Plan and Process (CHIP) identified the three leading health issues in the County as opiates, mental health, and nutrition and physical activity. The Division played a key role in the development of the department's 2017-2019 Strategic Plan and integrating the County's Standards of Service Excellence into practice. The Division continues to optimize its electronic health record and successfully interfaced with the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. The Division received a total of 8,202 phone calls for public health information and assistance and a total of 4,315 individuals received walk-in services. There were 3,545 communicable disease reports that were investigated including 462 Category 1 disease investigations. A total of 116 outbreak investigations were initiated including 48 in long-term care facilities, 17 vaccine preventable outbreaks, 12 foodborne outbreaks or exposures, and 8 TB investigations. The International Travel Clinic saw a 10% increase in clients, serving 270 people. The STD Clinic saw a 36% increase, serving 274 clients. Jones indicated that 94% of infants delivered to high-risk pregnant women

enrolled in the Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) program were full-term and 95% were at normal or higher birthrates. He noted that 1,207 children (ages 1-5) at risk for lead poisoning received a lead blood test. The WIC Program had a very busy year providing nutrition services to 2,876 women, infants, and children. Of the children enrolled in WIC (ages 1-4), 67% had a healthy body mass index (BMI) in comparison to the statewide average of 62.8%. While the 2017-2018 flu season is not over, so far there have been 290 hospitalizations in Waukesha County compared to the 2014-2015 flu season when there were 386 hospitalizations. There were 90 during 2015-2016 flu season and 220 in 2016-2017. Smith noted in April of 2018, they will begin receiving an enhanced federal rate – an additional 25% from the federal Medicaid match.

Jones said with recent grant funds, they will be doing a new pilot program with the Drug Court to test Drug Court clients for hepatitis B and C, which is mandatory, but Public Health will also offer a comprehensive approach to their health with possible additional services such as HIV testing, immunizations, etc. The State supports this program and it could be implemented in other counties in the future. Jones highlighted recent training programs for staff and community education events. He noted that in 2015, the Division was officially recertified as a Level 2 health department. Level 2 local health departments must provide or arrange for at least seven programs or services that address at least five health focus areas in the current State Health Plan (Healthiest Wisconsin 2020). Management is currently recruiting for a public health manager and two public health nurses. An internal audit of public health is in progress and staff are excited to hear the results as to how they can improve.

Waukesha County Public Health Division Program Overview (*Board and Committee*)

This item was combined with the above discussion.

MOTION: Lodes moved, second by Genner to adjourn the board meeting at 2:28 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 172-O-078 Modify the Department of Health and Human Services 2018 Budget to Create Twelve (12) Regular Full-time Sunset Positions (*Committee*)

Smith and Emslie were present to discuss this ordinance which creates ten regular, full-time senior Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Specialist sunset positions (salary range \$52,021-\$68,806) and two regular, full-time Benefit Specialist sunset positions (salary range \$47,195-62,400) in the ADRC. Emslie said these positions are needed as a result of the State instructing the current contracted service provider, Lutheran Social Services (LSS), in the fall of 2017 that the agency could no longer provide ADRC services as of April 28, 2018 for the ADRC program as required and necessary. Smith said LSS's new mission is to be a Medicaid provider throughout Wisconsin and they were told by the State they could not do both. A waiver and request for reconsideration was submitted and subsequently denied by the State. Smith said beginning in April of 2018, they will begin receiving an enhanced federal rate – an additional 25% from the federal Medicaid match.

The 2018 budgeted contract is \$842,074 with prorated budgeted funding of \$547,538 available and transferred to personnel costs for these positions through year-end. The department plans to under-fill the ten Senior ADRC Specialist positions with ADRC Specialist positions with a lower salary range of (\$47,195-\$62,400). Current-year personnel costs, including salary and benefits for the twelve positions (including ten under-filled positions), and assuming a start date of April 28, 2018, are projected to be \$562,168. The additional \$14,630 not covered by the available contract funds will be offset with personnel savings from vacancy and turnover of other ADRC positions in 2018.

Position costs for a full year for the under-filled ADRC Specialist positions is approximately \$831,500. If promoted to the senior level, total-year position costs are approximately \$887,300. All of the positions will be sunset based on continued State program funding. In 2019, the department plans to build the cost-to-continue increases within their budget using anticipated increases in ADRC grant funding associated with increasing caseloads and managing other related ADRC costs.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Walz to approve Ordinance 172-O-078. Motion carried 6-0.

Wood left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth discussed the juvenile corrections bill which she indicated has come down really fast and will have an impact on Waukesha County. It involves closing Lincoln Hills whereby serious offenders would remain in State custody while less serious offenders would be the responsibility of the County. Counties could build their own facility or partner with other counties. The State would allocate to counties a 95% grant for construction but no operating costs. Answering Johnson's question, Kleber said there are currently three Waukesha County delinquents in custody who qualify for County custody and none for State custody.

Wood returned at 2:48 p.m.

Regarding the County Executive Modernization bill, Spaeth said she testified before the legislature on three items where the County Board has concerns. These include forming a compensation commission, donations and gifts, and a biennial budget process. Spaeth suggested committee members contact our assembly members who have not yet voted on the bill to further express these concerns. Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow supports the bill and will welcome calls from supervisors to discuss these issues.

The Public Works Committee asked that a memo be sent to the legislature requesting a hearing on the I-94 bill. Spaeth said a hearing is unlikely because the legislature wants to be done by Thursday.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Johnson to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:58 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Kolb
Secretary