

Minutes of the Combined Health and Human Services Board and Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Board Chair Dennis Farrell

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Jim Behrend (Chair), Sandy Wolff, Tom Schellinger, Rodell Singert and Joe Vitale. **Absent:** Jim Jeskewitz and Peter Gundrum.

Board Members Present: County Board Supervisors Jim Behrend, Duane Paulson, and Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), JoAnn Weidmann, Dr. Peter Parthum, Flor Gonzales, and Dick Wutt. **Absent:** Jim Jeskewitz, Mike O'Brien.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Health and Human Services Director Peter Schuler, HHS Deputy Director Don Maurer, Clinical Services Director Mike DeMares, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy Haney, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz and Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee Troy Norman.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of 1-31-08

MOTION: Wolff made a motion seconded by Singert to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.

Approve Minutes of 2-28-08

MOTION: Singert made a motion seconded by Wolff to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.

Legislative Update

Esler reported that the water compact is back on for approval from the legislature. Paulson reported that he attended the meeting in New Berlin yesterday – there is a verbal agreement but the hang up is the restrictions on water by Illinois and Michigan. There will be some changes that will affect Wisconsin. According to Esler the big issue on this is the legal interpretation of ground water. Ground water rights will continue to be debated by different states.

Correspondence

Singert brought up an article relating to global warming in today's Wall Street Journal on insects and infectious diseases, stating timely, local and has some significance to Dr. Healy Haney. It suggests that a University of Wisconsin professor is going to testify in Congress today suggesting that marijuana increase is due to climate change. Singert believes this is scientific nonsense and suggests that all read it because global warming is not based on any specific scientific facts or evidence.

Meeting Approvals

Esler stated the next Health and Human Services Committee might be formed by the end of April in which case there might be an opportunity for any of the committee members to attend the WCHSA conference in early May.

Announcements

Behrend thanked the members of the HHS Committee for the last two years.

Vitale stated he wants to make it clear for the record that the Wall Street Journal article item is the opinion of a person and not this body.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of 11-29-07

MOTION: Paulson made a motion seconded by Wutt to approve the minutes of 11-29-07. The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes of 1-31-08

MOTION: Paulson made a motion seconded by Behrend to approve the minutes of 1-31-08. The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes of 2-28-08

MOTION: Behrend made a motion seconded by Paulson to approve the minutes of 2-28-08. The motion was voted on and carried 7-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Weidmann asked that WALHDAB be added to Advisory Committee reports. A Public Health Institute has been formed and received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. There is money available to do the pilot project for the public health performance standards through the Institute. This funding will be made available to 12 pilot counties. Schuler stated that if we are looking to apply for this funding, we need to investigate and give notice that we are going to apply and eventually it would have to come back to the committee to have the grant accepted. He said its better to do some exploration beforehand. The Public Health Institute was formed by the State but is an independent group so they have a lot more flexibility to do projects such as the Performance Standards. Weidmann also noted that certification of public health agencies may be required in the future and the Institute may have a part in funding this.

Farrell handed out a copy of a memo he sent to Dan Vrakas regarding the future of the DDAC and Long Term Care Planning Committees. He's recommending that Family Support and B-3 subcommittees fall under the Child and Family Services Advisory Committee; that present DDAC members be referred to Community Care Inc. and Care Wisconsin to serve in an advisory capacity on the community advisory boards for the CMO's. Two or more interested members of DDAC can be moved to the Mental Health Advisory Committee, and of the remaining DDAC members two can be invited to sit on the ADRC Advisory Board. The Long Term Care Committee is comprised of individuals appointed by the County Board Chair and as long as HHS is receiving COP dollars, the committee must stay in existence. Paulson asked that Dennis clarify to the County Executive that this is a recommendation by Dennis Farrell and the DDAC; and not the Health and Human Services Board. Schuler stated this was based on the request by the DDAC, during the 2009 budget needs presentation, to continue as a standing committee, and a response to that request was needed, and secondly the ADRC Advisory Group still has to be part of the Long Term Care reform requirements.

Farrell also noted that the DDAC was recognized by the Waukesha Training Center and the recipient of the Daniel J. Beck award which is given to individuals or organizations who have

been particularly strong in advocacy for citizens with developmental disabilities. The plaque will be presented to Peter Schuler and Dennis Farrell at the Public Hearing.

Announcements

Schuler stated that the departing Secretary of Health and Family Services, Kevin Hayden, and the incoming Secretary, Karen Timberlake, were both here yesterday for a meeting with our management staff along with Dan Vrakas and Allison Bussler. Today they returned and toured the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Secretary Hayden was very complimentary and feels we're starting from a strong place with the ADRC. He looked over the space, heard concerns about the amount of reimbursement that will be available for the remodeling, which has been a debating point with some of his staff. Karen Timberlake, who has been the Deputy Secretary will be taking over as Secretary upon Hayden's leaving in mid-April. Prior to being in DHFS she was in the personnel area and very well regarded according to Jim Behrend.

Dick Wutt announced that Larry Bartel, a former County Board Supervisor who served on the Health and Human Services Board, just recently passed away.

Farrell stated that Joe Vitale has been asked to serve as a citizen member on the Health and Human Services Board.

Schuler announced that Susan Dreyfus was appointed as a citizen member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. She is presently with Rogers Hospital. Our previous citizen member, Mike Bundy, has retired from the Council.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: A motion was made to approve attendance at the upcoming WCHSA conference by Behrend and seconded by Wutt. A vote was taken and the motion carried 7-0.

Future Agenda Items

Farrell was contacted by Susan Vig Saucier, R.N., Assistant Professor at Carroll College. She has been involved in emergency disaster preparedness training for people with special needs and she would like to give a presentation to the board sometime in the future.

Weidmann would like an update on the Public Health Statute and what changes may have implications for us. She would like a presentation on the Environmental Human Health Hazard. Schuler stated it was to be scheduled today but because of conflicting schedules we had to take it off.

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS

Public Health Update

Dr. Healy Haney passed out a grid which is a master plan of about 34 special projects which are over and above meeting statutory obligations to be a Level I or Level II program. She spoke very briefly about three items on the list. The first is the Cities Readiness Initiative which is a preparedness activity. She invited Board and Committee members to attend the exercise which is tentatively planned for June 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Expo Center Forum. The exercise will relate to the Interim Pharmaceutical Stockpile which involves the initial distribution of drugs to first responders from the point of notification. First responders are firemen, policemen, public health staff, health care individuals that are essential in keeping the community operational. The

drill is to train public health staff on how to receive this drug, how to break it down, how to get it all packaged, and then begin dispensing. Secondly, Dr. Healy Haney stated that they are planning a public health performance standards pilot project that was brought to the board earlier and we have a tentative date of November 4th. They are looking for participants for this pilot project and some public health staff are going to the National Conference for training. The third area she wanted to address is the 10 special clinics they have to hold this summer. A State law was passed that requires middle school children to be immunized for pertussis and chicken pox. They anticipate about 7,000 children coming through with approximately 12,000 vaccines being given.

Dr. Healy Haney reviewed special challenges they have had with certain tuberculosis cases in the Health Department. She gave an example of two of their clients whose cases are so unusual that Public Health has been working with the State and other national centers to determine what doses of medication might be appropriate as traditional treatments weren't effective. Local physicians are inexperienced with these types of situations.

Dr. Healy Haney also stated that we currently have a measles outbreak in the southeastern region. We have been notified that we have one child in Waukesha County who has tested positive for measles through a blood test. Because this child is only 12 months old, he was not eligible to receive an MMR. They have two additional children under a year old who are presently under surveillance. There is also a gentleman with measles in Milwaukee who works in a factory in Waukesha County and they are in the process of identifying all contacts. Contacts with any cases of measles may have to be quarantined for 5 to 21 days, whether or not they have symptoms. Staff are attempting to find out if any of these individuals have any immunities or have had the appropriate immunizations. If this is the case, they can return to work, but if not they must be quarantined.

Paulson stated that years ago, you might have a child in the classroom who had measles and then the rest of the kids would get it and stay home until they were well and that was the end of it. Why is it that in this day we make so much more of it than back then? Dr. Healy Haney responded by saying that what was often not publicized then were those children that ended up with measles meningitis, became developmentally disabled, and children who became blind or deaf as a result of measles. This is why immunization became so important and was a public health focus. Because there is a measles vaccine today and since it is now mandatory in every state, any one case is considered an epidemic. Because immunization is effective, we shouldn't have any children who develop the disease and end up suffering from a lifetime of physical damage. If you were born after 1957 and did not have at least one measles, mumps, rubella shot you are susceptible. Quarantine is for anyone that has been exposed, don't have symptoms but nonetheless might be in that incubation period. They are quarantined to their home. If a family member has measles then anyone in the household would be under isolation. Dr. Healy Haney stated this would also be true in the event of a flu pandemic. She stated that Public Health is up and running Incident Command. This means that the workforce is divided in half, one being the strike team who are working the measles outbreak and the other maintaining business continuity. They have had to cancel one clinic so far and the numbers of people who have to be contacted will determine how many other normal public health activities will need to be canceled. Healy Haney stated they are the only department that has been up in Incident Command five times already.

Weidmann stated that the State dropped the ball again because they should have provided more leadership and been prepared. Instead, SE Wisconsin had to develop the materials that were sent out, i.e. the press releases, etc. The State came in late on this as they did on pertussis. Healy Haney stated that within the region, Waukesha and Milwaukee area public health staff were teleconferencing on Saturday and by Monday morning they had their definitions, what their suspects would look like, they knew what the probable cases would look like, the line list up and they started to put out media information. It was only yesterday that the State came into the picture. Dr. Parthum asked if there are liaisons between day care centers and the health departments. Healy Haney stated that she has not seen that in this county but that is not the case in other jurisdictions. Some health jurisdictions have public health nurses that actually do visits where their ordinance supersedes that of the State especially in the case of immunizations and dangers in the day care facilities. This is equally true for nursing homes. When Parthum asked how many licensed day care centers were in this area, Healy Haney responded by saying about 130. Parthum asked if we are lacking in authority, local ordinance, structure, relationships, etc. between Public Health and the day care center world so that if things should get bigger would we have to spend half our time handling legal aspects. Healy Haney stated that public health statute 250 gives the Health Officer the power to give directives. The challenge would come more so if we were dealing with a flu pandemic, and it's this area where the CDC has been recommending that local jurisdictions have ordinances that supersede the State. Paulson asked Dr. Healy Haney if we need legislation and she replied it would be helpful if there were a pandemic. Dr. Healy Haney stated that we do not have an ordinance, but we do have policies and procedures in place in the event of an influenza outbreak. There was discussion about the Human Health Hazard Ordinance and where it stands at this point. Weidmann asked that the Board review the "draft" Human Health Hazard Ordinance. Schuler brought up the example of the SARS incident a number of years ago and the legal aspects involved in having an individual tested who was refusing. Dr. Healy Haney stated that of the 14 health departments in the consortium, there are three who do not have a local ordinance and Waukesha is one of them.

MOTION: Wutt made a motion seconded by Behrend giving board members permission to attend the June 17th Exercise at the Expo Forum to be an observer or victim. The motion was voted on and passed 7-0.

Mental Health Advisory Committee Needs List Presentation

Troy Norman of Goodwill Industries, Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee, presented the Needs List. He's been on the committee for a number of years and this is his second year as chair. A copy of the Unmet Needs Recommendations was handed out to all present. Norman read over the needs recommendations of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Farrell asked about #2 which is to increase funding to reduce waiting times for outpatient psychiatric services by adding 8 hours of psychiatry time per week at a cost of \$50,000. DeMares explained that the waiting time to see a psychiatrist is presently 10 – 12 weeks if it is not an emergency. If an individual is having a crisis, they will be seen by a doctor immediately if deemed necessary by the initial assessment worker. It takes only about a week to get an appointment with an intake worker. Although 10 – 12 weeks sounds long, DeMares noted that there are clinics in the state that have a longer wait, such as Dane County which could be 6 months. He also stated that if you called any private psychiatrist to make an appointment, you would probably have to wait up to two months as well unless it is an emergency and then you would probably be advised to go to the emergency room. When putting together the needs list, the committee asked a number of agencies and clients in the community what was needed and a great number said a shorter time period to get in to see the doctor. DeMares noted that if clients

are taking their medications properly, as prescribed by a psychiatrist, there is less need to come in for more therapy.

Singert asked about #3 – provide sufficient funding to maintain the present 211 (First Call for Help). He asked what are the actual numbers of calls to 211 and what is the funding they now have and what are the real needs. DeMares stated that the request viewed by the Mental Health Advisory Committee was not to cut the program and maintain stable funding based upon the fact that there are more and more people calling and there have been less resources from the private sector and from contributions to support the 211 First Call for Help. The department’s contract is in the Intake and Support Services Division budget, but the Mental Health Advisory Committee is supporting this program because they serve many mentally ill individuals. There are approximately 40,000 calls per year. In terms of duplication, many of these calls are anonymous, so it is difficult to determine numbers of duplicated calls. Maurer stated that the 40,000 number is about 4 times the number of calls that were coming into the Mental Health Association’s First Call for Help line 6 years ago. Lisa McLean from the Mental Health Association noted that the most recent final year statistics indicate that the number is actually 49,000 for 2007. Maurer stated that Health and Human Services contributes approximately \$120,000, there is also a couple of thousand from Senior Services, and there is some Community Block Grant money, United Way funding of approximately \$170,000, and MHA fundraises a significant portion besides. McLean stated that the budget is \$475,000 just for the Help Line. Singert asked if the ADRC will be taking 211 calls. Maurer stated that is presently being coordinated with the ADRC and 211 is presently receiving overflow calls for Senior Services after hours and this same design is being discussed for 24 hour coverage of the ADRC. Weidmann stated that 211 was started to divert the number of calls going to 911 that shouldn’t have been going there. The number of calls going to 911 should have gone down while 211 was going up. Schuler stated that our responsibility is to maintain a mental health hotline for taking calls for a wide range of issues, anywhere from an individual upset about food stamp issues to someone who is high on drugs or alcohol and wants to commit suicide. Weidmann stated that 211 is one of those programs that can save a lot of money in the long run. She said its important that the word gets out to the public that the infrastructure is breaking down and by not paying now, they will be paying much more in years to come. This is true of many of our programs. DeMares stated that the Mental Health Advisory Committee wants to make sure that this program be adequately funded. Members would like to know a dollar amount when this comes before the Board during the budget presentations.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

MOTION: Singert made a motion seconded by Schellinger to allow Secretary Jeskewitz to approve final minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

JOINT AGENDA ITEM

AODA Advisory Committee Needs List Presentation

Susie Austin, member of the AODA Advisory Committee, read over the unmet needs list for 2009. The number one need of the Advisory Committee is the successful transition of prisoners from corrections to society by expanding the Day Report Center to include a county AODA position which would have access to county doctors and services that would cover medications, treatment and the many needs of this population. They are asking for realignment and re-funding of an existing position that had been frozen. It would be recommended that this employee be

housed at the Day Report Center and this center would be considered the Reentry Center. This would be step one in the process of a one-stop Reentry Center. She stated that such a center could eventually be expanded and relocated to become a full working Reentry Center, which would welcome community based organizations to assist with successful reintegration and transition of offenders back into our communities. As of yesterday, President Bush signed the Second Chance Act which is \$152 million per year in funding for re-entry programs. If we have a re-entry center in place we are in a much better position to be pro-active rather than re-active. Austin stated that 85% of inmates have AODA issues and it's a significant contributing factor as to why they are in jail and prison.

The second need of the AODA Advisory Committee is an additional \$40,000 to increase funding for the Suboxone Treatment for opiate addiction. She stated that during the time period of January 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008, there were 39 suboxone treatment participants with only 4 later readmitted to detox, a much more effective relapse rate than with traditional treatment. The third item on their list is the support of existing programs at current level funding and lastly, supporting the goals of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council, including the Alcohol Treatment Court, AODA programming in the jail, Huber facility and the Day Reporting Center.

Paulson asked about the refunding of a position and whether it should be a county funded or grant funded. Austin responded county funded because they would have access to community dollars and we would already have the Day Reporting Center in place. We would also be in a better position to receive grant funding from the federal government. Paulson also asked about the opiate treatment drugs and is it possible to get samples of suboxone from the manufacturer. DeMares stated that the drug companies do not give out samples of suboxone. It is a specialized drug and the physicians must have training to dispense it. A physician can only have a maximum of 100 patients on the drug at a time. The program is a 16 week program for opiate addiction in cooperation with the Lawrence Center so that the patient can be in treatment with suboxone and have medication, nurse monitoring, and therapy. The patient is then weaned off the suboxone. In some cases, patients need to be on the medication for a longer period of time and after those 16 weeks, the patient is responsible for the cost of the suboxone. The County funding drops off after 16 weeks. The Suboxone program costs \$2,500 per person for 16 weeks. This is much less expensive than Detox which runs \$500 per day. They have seen a reduction in repeat detox with this drug.

Adjournment of Committee Meeting

MOTION: Vitale made a motion seconded by Singert to adjourn the Committee meeting. The motion was voted on and passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Singert thanked everyone for the opportunity of serving on the committee and commented that it was a learning experience. He appreciated all the help he received from Peter and Don which made his learning curve shorter.

Wolff stated that she enjoyed working with all of us and that this department is looked upon as an innovator and one that can handle everything.

Behrend stated that he may be back and that he has learned a lot in the last couple years. He appreciated all the help and he knows that this department is a leader in the State because they manage to keep doing things with less.

Wutt stated he made a lot of friends and certainly appreciated the 20 years he was on the board and that it was a good experience. He thinks the county should be proud of having Peter and Don as being the heads of this department as well as the managers who have done a wonderful job and the very good staff we have.

Vitale stated that this has been in interesting progression for him because as a school principle he has used our services. It's been an enjoyable but sometimes frustrating experience when you see the needs that can't be funded.

Schuler thanked all board and committee members for all their support and dedication, time, asking good questions, giving suggestions, caring about people and caring about what's going on in the community. He stated his hope that many of the existing members who could come back will do so, but that there will be a new mix of people so we will probably re-start again with divisional orientations for new members.

Behrend, Singert and Schellinger left at 3:20 p.m. Vitale left at 3:22 p.m.

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Approve Change in Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Medical and Psychological Staff at the Mental Health Center

Wutt read over the change in Article 11 of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Medical and Psychological Staff at the Mental Health Center.

MOTION:

Paulson made a motion seconded by Weidmann to approve the change above. The motion was voted on and passed 6-0.

Announcements

Schuler stated that the next board meeting is May 15th to prepare for the meeting with the County Executive. Also at that time we will have a social gathering to thank those who are leaving the Committee and Board. The Public Hearing is April 30th at 7:00 p.m. May 22nd is the luncheon meeting with the County Executive. We are receiving our budget targets the first week of June and staff will start working on their budgets even before that.

Paulson asked about 211 being a need of the Mental Health Advisory Committee and yet this is not in their department. Schuler stated that it is state mandated that there is a Mental Health hotline, but it is budgeted in Intake and Support Services because of the historical relationship with the Mental Health Association and they have the crisis after-hour staff. The 211 hotline has helped the 911 emergency line and Weidmann asked if that could be a potential for funding the 211 line.

Paulson also asked for an update on Shelly Cyrulik. Peter stated that yesterday was her last day as the Coordinator of the CJCC and she took a position as a policy analyst and coordinator of the State Courts in Madison. They are now in the process of considering whether and how to fill the coordinator role. Bob Gibson, who was the National Institute of Corrections original consultant when the Taskforce was formed, is now back from Afghanistan where he worked for the Justice Department for 2 ½ years. There's some possibility that he will help us coordinate for part of the

year or work on data from the Sheriff's Department Data System. The position could also go back to a purchased arrangement with an agency.

Peter also stated that the Workforce Development Center also lost their coordinator, Mike Mortell, after 10 years. Mike took a position as the lead person working for the regional WIRED grant. The fiscal agent for that grant is the Workforce Development Board.

Adjournment

Wutt made a motion seconded by Weidmann to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Board. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kathy Leach.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved on: _____

James Jeskewitz
Secretary