

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2008  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Dennis Williams, Susan Andrews, Bill Hinsenkamp, Harlow Bielefeldt, Lou Hernandez, Rose Barton, Lee Wipfli, James Pearson, Kathleen Books, Mike DeMares, Dick Manke and Susie Austin

**Introduction of Members and Guests**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Presentation: Review of Jail and Discussion of Unmet Needs and Recommendations**

Capt. Meg Schnabl of the Waukesha County Jail spoke on services offered in the area of mental health and AODA services in the main Jail and Huber facilities. The County Jail has a contract agency to provide these services to inmates. Inmates are asked at booking if they have needs in these areas and if the inmate will be there for 10 or more days, they will get a comprehensive assessment where these issues can be identified. The Aro Huber program provides intensive outpatient treatment to inmates in the Huber Jail. They have evening programming. The main Jail has an AODA Counselor for 30 hours a week for 10 weeks and there is a two to three week wait list to enter the program.

The Jail staff are seeing an increase in the number of young people entering the Jail on prescription pain medication. Their concern is that some people don't identify that they are using drugs when they are booked and then staff is unaware of the potential need for detox. The Jail staff also identified that the mental health staff they do have are overwhelmed by the number of people needing services and that they spend most of their time "putting out fires" and "going from one crisis to another". They have little time left to provide treatment like they did years ago. Previous resources are no longer available due to the lack of funding.

Discussion followed.

Capt. Schnabl identified the Jail's unmet needs as: Increase their AODA provider from 30 to 40 hours a week and a need for a dual diagnosis therapist.

James Pearson identifies a need for increased funding for prevention and education to provide services to the families affected by substance use. Susie Austin added that there is a need for more education in the school systems. Addicted students are going unnoticed in our county. The group also identified a continued need for funding for the Suboxone program. Mike DeMares suggested increasing the funds by \$40,000. The group also wishes to continue with the current level of funding for existing programs.

Discussion followed.

**Citizen Member Report**

Mike O'Brien was unavailable to give this report.

**County AODA Staff Liaison Report**

Susan Andrews wanted to discuss the Suboxone Outpatient Program at the Lawrence Center. Due to time constraints, this topic will be addressed at another time.

Mike DeMares stated that the Mental Health Advisory Committee wanted him to identify the need for AODA services for the elderly as an unmet need.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kathleen Books, seconded by Susie Austin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date