

AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 20, 2008
MINUTES

Present: Dennis Williams, Susie Austin, Mike O'Brien, Bill Hinsenkamp, Dave Poehlmann, Dick Manke, Rose Barton, Lou Hernandez, Kathleen Books, Marge Stier, Jim Aker, Ron Kuhs

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 15, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

Presentation

Lawrence Center staff Dave Poehlmann, Jim Aker, Marge Stier and Ron Kuhs gave an update on the Opioid Outpatient Program. Dave started by giving a brief history as to why they started an opioid treatment group. Lawrence Center first used Suboxone in the detox unit and now uses it in the Opioid Outpatient Program along with substance abuse treatment. The staff has made adjustments along the way to improve the program. Jim Aker talked about his clinical experiences with the program. Currently all of the participants are age 25 or younger. Most have experienced legal problems and know people who have died due to their drug addiction. They are in need of learning life skills and coping skills and education on addiction. Ron Kuhs gave the committee members information on statistics for Waukesha County funded patients who have attended the program. He stated that about 20% are employed at admission and that it increases to about 80% by the time the participants complete the program. It was also mentioned that community based support groups are offered at the Lawrence Center and participants are encouraged to attend. They have a women's support group, CA, AA, NA and Smart Recovery groups.

Discussion followed.

New Business: Open Discussion of Alcohol Courts and Current Trend in Sentencing

Dennis Williams asked for a group discussion about the recent events involving the death in Oconomowoc due to a third offense drunk driver. Dennis states that this is a good time to promote the Alcohol Court and our support of it. Dick Manke recommends that the advisory committee resend a formal letter in support of the Alcohol Court to the County Board and Judges. Discussion followed. Dennis will re-write the letter and send it out.

Citizen Member Report

Mike O'Brien mentioned that the Waukesha County Health and Human Services Board is meeting to rank items from the committees on the unmet needs. He also talked about the presentations given at the Public Hearing in April.

County AODA Liaison Report

Susan Andrews attended the WAAODA Conference in Madison this month. The State is pushing for using scientific terms in relation to AODA treatment services. Also, the State has put a 2% cap on all counties for funding for the 2009 budget.

Adjournment

Mike O'Brien made a motion seconded by Rose Barton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date