

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 18, 2010  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Mike O'Brien, Lou Hernandez, Susan Andrews, Dennis Williams, Rose Barton, Susie Austin Lee Wipfli, James Pearson, Liza Arroyo

The meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUEST**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting were approved as read. Mike O'Brien states there is a group of women who talk to women in the main jail; however, they are not part of the Waukesha County Volunteers.

**PRESENTATION**

Tracy Mitchell handed out an outline and a school brochure about Project Change, a recovery school. It has been in existence since 2002. Wisconsin has three recovery schools. She states the school offers a therapeutic environment but it does not provide therapy. They work in tandem with students and their support systems. It is an academic program that requires attendance of outside support groups and random observed drug screens. Students have to have the willingness to want to be sober. She states that the recovery school system does not work if the student is forced to attend. It is a Waukesha City School. Other school districts do not pay for their district students to attend; however, if parents can afford the tuition they can pay for their child to attend. At this time, mental health and substance abuse are not identified with Individual Education Plans. The hope is that the state will help with this issue in the future so more students who want to can attend. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Members of SOPHIA and Salvation Army are interested in being members of the AODA Advisory Committee. The committee suggests inviting a manager/supervisor from the Department of Corrections to be a member. They also discussed inviting the District Attorney's office and the Sheriff's Department. Susie Austin asks that every committee member bring two names of individuals to invite to be members to the next meeting. She and Susan Andrews will work on writing up letters to send out.

**CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT**

Mike O'Brien states that the input from the public hearings and the unmet needs will be combined and prioritized by the Human Services Board to be presented to the County Executive. He went on to state that the County Executive supports things like the SCRAM bracelet, Day

Report Center and Alcohol Court; however, funding is still an issue. July 21 and 22, 2010 is budget review.

### **COUNTY AODA LIAISON REPORT**

Volunteers presented at the WAAODA Conference in Madison. It went well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Rose Barton made a motion, seconded by Lee Wipfli, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

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