

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Chair Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dr. Peter Geiss, Mike O'Brien. Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, Duane Paulson, Paul Decker, and Jim Jeskewitz. **Absent:** Citizen Members JoAnn Weidmann, Flor Gonzalez, and Joe Vitale.

Also Present: Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Legislative Policy Advisory Sara Spaeth.

Approve Minutes of 3-25-10

MOTION: Decker moved, seconded by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of March 25. Motion carried 7-0.

Announcements

Congratulations to Janel Brandtjen on her appointment as Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee. Paulson commented that he has total confidence in her; she is a quick study and will do an excellent job as Chair. Also, congratulations to Duane Paulson on his appointment as Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Farrell announced the rest of the Chairs of the Standing Committees for the term April 2010-April 2012. Members of the Health & Human Services Committee include: Kathleen Cummings, Michael J. Inda, Pauline Jaske, James Jeskewitz, Peter Wolff, and Gilbert Yerke.

Correspondence

Maurer reported that the findings of the internal audit of the HHS Accounts Receivables will be presented at the May 17th Executive Committee, and in order to save expenses, that all members of the Board and Committee will be invited to that portion of the Executive Committee where those findings will be reported on.

Reappointments to the Health and Human Services Board include Dennis Farrell, Janel Brandtjen, and Dr. Peter Geiss until April 1, 2013.

Schuler reported that we received a letter from Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, regarding Waukesha County's Level II Health Department status. The letter acknowledged the hard work that went into providing the information to pass the Chapter 140 review. The state review is every three to five years. This year, the review was conducted in a different fashion – a single representative from the state regional office as opposed to a large committee as they have done in the past. The reason why Schuler was wanting to make note of that, is because the state is looking toward the eventual requirement of all health departments to pass a national accreditation process, basically lobbying the regional director that the state needs to make up their mind if they want to have accreditation, or a Chapter 140 review, but to require both will be overpowering, and will likely not be funded. From there, it will become a legislative issue and

the way it is likely to become a requirement it will not be a separate bill, it will be written into administrative rules.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Paulson moved, seconded by Brandtjen to approve the discussion on the National Health Care plan at the Public Health Advisory Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, seconded by Jeskewitz to approve attendance for any board member wanting to attend the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Spring Conference, May 12-14, 2010 at the Osthoff Resort in Elhart Lake. Motion carried 7-0.

Maurer reported that there is a scheduling conflict with the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Spring Conference, May 12-14, 2010, and the Health & Human Services Joint Committee meeting of May 13, that will be rescheduled to May 20, 2010.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, seconded by Decker to approve attendance for any board member wanting to attend the Wisconsin Public Health Association WALHDAB Annual Conference is May 25-27, 2010 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin. Motion carried 7-0.

Review Advisory Committee Recommendation Work Pages

Farrell explained to the new committee members the procedure on how we prioritize the 2011 budget recommendations. He noted all information received has been compiled from the various advisory committees, the public hearing, and any written correspondence received. He reviewed all the issues on the document. Paulson questioned item G (Public Health), and why it indicates a \$106,000 need to maintain. Schuler noted that part of the reason is the lack of state dollars to support public health, leaving the division dependent upon grant and local levy funding. Our base levy to support the Public Health Division doesn't support the staffing services of the division, and we have been using preparedness money (PER) and some other sources of grant dollars from the state, but which are declining, to try and support the base funding of the Public Health division. The preparedness funding is going away and we have to return a portion of H1N1 dollars not spent by a certain time period, but are also retaining some dollars through the year in case H1N1 comes back. This is what has caused the Public Health Advisory Committee to estimate that with the loss of those dollars, they will then have to make reductions that will then cause the Public Health division to go below a Level II. Schuler noted that we should provide a specific breakdown of what those specific areas are, but whenever our base levy amount is not sufficient, we start using grant money to fund our base operation services, and those grant dollars go away we are in trouble. In relation to that, there are seven discretionary areas that have to be provided by a public health division in order to stay at a Level II, but with the influenza emergency, Public Health had to shift staff from some of those core areas.

Farrell continued with the remainder of the recommendations on the list. In regard to item I, the AODA Advisory Committee presented the unmet needs and one point to make is that Suboxone medication treats a progressively increasing need for a population of young individuals for opiate addiction, and currently there is no funding, and resources available to treat addictions have diminished in Waukesha County with the closing of the Lawrence Center. Maurer noted that internally we can administer suboxone treatment for patients who are patients at the Mental

Health Center because the doctor is credentialed, but due to last year's budget crisis, the small suboxone treatment funding we had needed to be eliminated. Currently the intensive outpatient is being provided but there is no inpatient for that. The trend seems to be that people do not want to go to a hospital, but rather receive treatment in the community. It was noted that withdrawal from opiate addiction is generally not lethal, whereas alcohol detoxification can be and needs medical supervision.

Review Public Hearing Input and Written Input to Department

Farrell complimented Robertson on a very successful Public Hearing. Everyone received a packet containing a summary of the public hearing and copies of letters received. In the packets, there is a Comments Summary, Public Hearing Minutes, and Letters Submitted at the time of the Hearing, and Letters Submitted. At the hearing, we had 20 citizens that signed in, and the agencies that were represented were: the Women's Center, Wisconsin Community Service, Spring City Corner Clubhouse, Addiction Resource Council, Community Day Treatment. Two speakers spoke on the topic of Transportation.

Robertson reported the majority of the requests were to continue funding for all the programs, agencies, and services. Discussion about putting Public Hearing summary on the web was mentioned by Brandtjen. Robertson will work with Julianne Klimetz on posting a brief Public Hearing Summary taking out names and other HIPAA privacy information, posting on Waukesha County's internet site and share with members of the Health and Human Service Committee.

Farrell reported that he was asked to come out to Sussex to discuss Menomonee Falls transportation for senior citizens and developmentally disabled. Jeskewitz and Farrell are the liaisons from the village to oversee that area, and were pleased to find out that the Menomonee Falls system is an ideal system, but there are concerns because it is very limited within Menomonee Falls and parts of Germantown. Farrell plans to gather everyone together that is a supplier of transportation and discuss this at a future meeting of the ADRC providers that Bellovary felt would be a good audience to present to. Farrell to report back information about cost per ridership, and other details.

Brandtjen asked for clarification on item A. Maurer reported that it would generally mean no more cuts and a reasonable and inflationary 2% increase across the board. Maurer reported that the overall department budget is roughly \$65 million, and 2% roughly is \$1.3 million. However, if we have other sources of income that are "good news" that could lower that cost, but on the other hand additional state cuts in revenue or new mandated expenses could raise that cost to continue.

Additional discussion ensued. If item A was covered, actual new spending requirements on the list would include item E, which is not something we currently have, item F which is an expansion of what we currently have, item H1 and/or H2 that would be a restoration of something (Alcohol Counselor) that we don't currently have, and item I would be additional spending in addition to maintaining. Historically, when the levy targets are set they take a look at what is a reasonable levy expectation of what is coming in as a result of the property tax situation. Last year HHS received about half of the cost to continue and enacted reductions for

the other half, but it was an extraordinary year due to the state budget actions which, while not as severe as originally feared (i.e. 2M), were nonetheless very significant. It was agreed that while Item A would be the top priority, in prioritizing the 2011 budget recommendations, we should assume item A will not be fully funded.

Discussion of rankings occurred, with a voice vote then taken while Maurer tabulated the numbers. Results indicate that Item A will be listed as the overriding overall issue followed by the other issues on the list. Item G is #1, Item B is #2, Item C is #3, Item D is #4, Item H is #5, Item E is #6, Item F and I tied for #7, and J is #9.

Prioritize and Create Communications to County Executive

Farrell will draft a letter to County Executive, Dan Vrakas on the results of the 2011 Budget Recommendations of the Health and Human Services Board to be further discussed at the upcoming lunch meeting. The May 6th lunch meeting, 11:30 a.m., will be held in the HHS Board Room.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the board at 2:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on _____
Date