

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, February 16, 2023

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff, Larry Bangs, Jennifer Grant, Tom Schellinger, Jeremy Walz, and Matthew Weil

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Director of Health and Human Services Liz Aldred, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Economic Support Coordinator Bob Klingforth

Approve Minutes of December 20

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of December 20. Motion carried 6-0

Next Meeting Date

March 16

Executive Committee Report of January 16

Wolff reported that the January 2023 Executive Committee meeting covered the departure of Supervisor Michalski and other business items that have already been taken up by the County Board meeting in January.

Future Agenda Items

Supervisor Bangs requested a report from public health as it relates to the pandemic and the response:

- All cause mortality and excess mortality?
- Negative reactions to the vaccines and other vaccine related issues?
- Incidents of Myocarditis, especially among young people?
- Spikes in health-related issues other than COVID?
- Was the fentanyl problem affected by the pandemic?
- Was there an increase in mental health related issues during the pandemic and is that subsiding?
- Were any specific demographic groups or geographic areas of the county disproportionately affected?

Legislative Update

Fraley presented a brief overview of Governor Evers budget address as it pertains to local government finance reform. She also spoke about the annual NACo legislative conference.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 177-O-100 Establish And Approve The Department Of Health And Human Services 2023 Fees For Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, And Substance Use Disorder Services

Aldred and Setzer presented that this ordinance establishes and approves the 2023 fees for the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services for community mental health, development disabilities, and substance use disorder services provided under Wisconsin Statute Section 51.42, in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code Section DHS 1.03(2). The HHS 2023 budget contemplated increases in the 2023 usual and customary fee schedule and contracted rates and no budget modification is necessary. Under new state rules, the County Board will be required to adopt the 'usual and custom fee schedule' for HHS services. The 2023 fees are a 7% increase in rates. Insurance and income considerations will be used when billing patients.

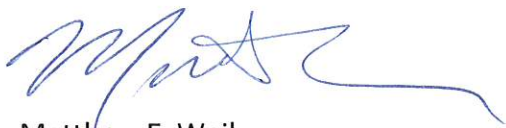
MOTION: Walz moved, second by Weil to approve Ordinance 177-O-100. Motion carried 6-0

Presentation of the COVID Unwinding Timeline for FoodShare and Medicaid Programs

Klingforth presented on COVID "Unwinding" of FoodShare and Medicaid programs. He shared that FoodShare recipients' Extra FoodShare payment, officially called Emergency Allotments, will end in February 2023. For Waukesha County this is a reduction of \$2,000,000 in FS benefits in the community monthly. These additional benefits have been in place throughout the COVID pandemic. Additionally, Medicaid/BadgerCare recipients will have their renewals scheduled some time between June 2023 and May 2024. They will receive a letter in the next few months with their renewal month assignment and there is no need to complete renewal early.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Bangs to adjourn at 2:22 p.m. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew E. Weil
Secretary – Health & Human Services Committee