

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
July 19, 2022

Present SUAC Committee: Addiction Resource Council (Lindsay Just, Chair), AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County (Tom Graves, Vice Chair), Department of Corrections (Marla Bell), Lutheran Social Services (Sara Coogan), Rogers Memorial (Jim Hishmeh), WI Community Services (Susie Austin)

Absent SUAC Committee: Bethany Christian Centers (Deb Adamus), Pat Miller, SOFA (Lauri Badura), Thunder and Rain (Shari Kleppe), WisHope (Peter Brunzelle)

Absent HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Felicia Behnke Shaw, Bobbi Borchardt, Charlie Hart Sheehan, Brea Lopez, Janelle McClain, Kary Turner

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bell moved, second by Graves, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committee's minutes of June 21, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Elections (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)

Motion: Austin moved, second by Bell to vote Just as the Chair of the Substance Use Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Just accepted the position of Chair.

Motion: Bell moved, second by Austin to vote Graves as the Vice Chair of the Substance Use Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Graves accepted the position of Vice Chair.

b. Membership Reappointments (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)

Motion: Just moved, second by Graves to WisHope as a member of the Substance Use Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Brunzelle accepted the reappointment on behalf of WisHope via email.

Motion: Bell moved, second by Hishmeh to reappoint the Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) as a member of the Substance use Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Austin accepted the reappointment on behalf of Wisconsin Community Services.

c. Confirm Contact Information for Members

McClain distributed the committee's contact list for attendees to review for accuracy and update if necessary.

4. Women's Health and Recovery Project (WHARP) Update

Behnke Shaw, Borchardt, and Hart Sheehan distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Women's Health and Recovery Project (WHARP)."

Staff can meet referrals in the community and are not necessarily limited to 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, as they can come in late to then meet with someone in the evening.

Participants must be residents of Waukesha County.

Participants must be child-bearing age.

Coogan arrived 3:20 p.m.

5. Discuss 2023 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board

The Mental Health Advisory Committee agreed to look at recovery housing for the annual presentation.

6. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There was no HHS Board report.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

HHS received funds to be utilized for prevention in the community. \$183,000 was awarded to the four agencies that responded to the request for bids. The funds will be utilized for additional substance use prevention in schools and the community.

The 9-8-8 hotline is now open for anyone having suicidal thoughts.

The state's annual Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Conference registration is open. The conference will be held on October 20 and 21 in Wisconsin Dells, with both in-person and virtual options available.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects have been approved. Some of the projects include:

- Funding to add a new case manager for Pretrial Supervision services
- Mental Health Center (MHC) changes
 - Remodel the TSSU/CSP area
 - Remodel the inpatient unit to create 16-bed inpatient unit and 12-bed crisis stabilization unit
- Embed a second crisis worker at the Sheriff's Department, as well as expand the program to have a crisis worker embedded at the Waukesha Police Department and Waukesha County Communications Center

As of August 1, the MHC inpatient unit capacity will officially be decreased to 16 beds. This change allows the MHC to no longer be an Institute of Mental Disease Designation, allowing Waukesha County to bill Medicaid for individuals between the ages of 18 and 64.

c. Heroin Task Force (HTF)

The annual Overdose Awareness Day event will be held on August 31 at Frame Park. There will be a media/press event earlier that day.

The HTF Action Teams continue to meet. Vital Strategies has recently presented and will be a potential resource for the HTF.

7. Agency Updates / Announcements

Registration opened today at noon for a Peer Support Specialist training in September or October for Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties.

A male Peer Support Specialist will be starting soon with the DOC.

The 2nd Annual Recovery Event with the AODA Volunteers will be held on September 17. The main event is the softball game, but there are many other activities as well.

The 2022 Rally for Recovery will be held on Saturday, September 10 at the State Capitol. Austin is attempting to arrange a Coach bus to provide transportation to the event.

The Rogers program, the Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (MHAR) Academy, is in development. The 360-hour education program meets the educational requirements for full licensure as a substance abuse counselor in the State of Wisconsin. Once the program is fully developed, Rogers plans to offer it to the community with the potential of financial assistance available through the Bader Foundation.

Connie Schrank has changed positions within Lutheran Social Services to be a counselor. Sarah Coogan will be the new LSS primary representative.

Addiction Resource Council and Project WisHope are sponsoring Roarin' for Recovery at the Milwaukee County Zoo on August 27. For additional information, visit <https://roarinrecovery.net>.

8. Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

There were no additional items for the next meeting's agenda.

9. Public Comment

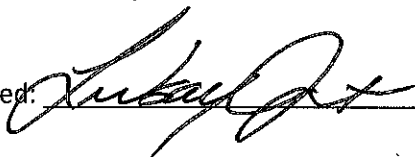
There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Austin moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

9/20/22