

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Chairs Paulson and Howard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Christine Howard (Chair), Darlene Johnson, Robert Kolb, Duane Paulson, Jeremy Walz, Chuck Wood, and Bill Zaborowski.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Christine Howard, Robert Kolb, and Bill Zaborowski, and Citizen Members Jeffrey Genner and Tim Whitmore. **Absent:** Citizen Members Dr. Steven Kulick, Mary Lodes, Michael O'Brien, and Vicki Dallmann-Papke.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, District Attorney Sue Opper, Human Services Supervisor John Kettler, Human Services Manager Kathy Mullooly, Human Services Supervisor Vickie Smith, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Accounting Services Coordinator Will Emslie, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Trimborn, and Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 1-12-17

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of January 12 as corrected. Motion carried 7-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

- March 16

Executive Committee Report of 1-16-17

Howard advised of the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Went into closed session to discuss pending litigation.
- Approved Ordinance 171-O-072 titled "Delegation Of Authority To Approve Functional
- Executive Classification Changes For Highways In Rural Areas."
- Heard updates on the Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and the
- Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board.
- Heard standing committee reports.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 1-12-17

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Whitmore to approve the minutes of January 12 as corrected. Motion carried 6-0.

Announcements

Robertson advised the Health & Human Services Board's annual public hearing will be held on of April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Human Services Center. Details will be included later.

Board and/or Committee Discussion Items

Heroin/Opioid Crisis in Waukesha County

Opper was present to discuss the heroin/opioid crisis and said she feels they are "treading water." The crisis is not getting worse but she has not seen a lot of improvement in the number of deaths. Opper indicated since 2008, she has overseen all heroin/opioid death investigations. While it is overwhelming, law enforcement continues to be in front of this and are doing what they can. She is proud of their efforts. Opper noted that at the beginning of this epidemic in the mid-2000s, these deaths were typically treated as suicides. Now they are treated as crime scenes or homicide/death investigations. Statistics from the Medical Examiner shows the numbers about the same – about 45-50 opiate related deaths each year over the last five years. Making matters worse, the new trend is fentanyl which is used to create new drugs that are 100 to 1,000 times more potent than regular fentanyl. Officers need to be careful because even skin contact can be dangerous. Efforts by legislatures to outlaw these synthetic drugs have been fruitless in the past because one chemical component of a drug can be tweaked and turned into a new drug. Opper said the District Attorney's Office see about 200 heroin/opiate cases each year that are non-death related such as possession. This does not include all the property crimes, violent episodes, etc. that can also be heroin/opiate related. Health & Human Services and drug court are also doing a great job and efforts are being made to expand drug court. Staff are also looking into programs for individuals with drug problems that do not fit into drug court.

Waukesha County Health & Human Services Foster Care Recruitment Event

Mullooly and Smith were present to discuss this item. Mullooly indicated foster care recruitment is affecting all areas of child welfare. The department has experienced a 16% increase in child protective service calls (versus an 11% increase statewide). Staff try to place these kids with relatives and will only remove kids when necessary. When they are placed in foster homes, it is crucial that these kids have access to their schools, family, and friends so having a good number of foster homes throughout the county is important. Smith said the department is making great efforts to address a critical lack of foster homes. There are currently 122 youth placed in out of home care, and there are currently about 115 foster families. She indicated 65 of them are family related and 50 are foster homes, an all-time low.

Smith discussed the Foster Care Ambassador Program for individuals who may not be able to open their homes but who can get the word out about the need for the foster homes. The kick-off event will be held on February 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will include speakers, some of whom are current foster parents. Everyone who attends will receive "ambassador bags," which Smith distributed, and included various informational materials. Smith discussed other recruitment efforts and licensing requirements.

Wisconsin Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project

Kettler discussed the project of which 11 states, Wisconsin being one of them, will receive grant funds for the prevention of drug/opioid overdose related deaths (see Ordinance 171-O-080

below). Waukesha County will receive this grant, renewable for up to five years and will total \$225,000 each year. The project involves much collaboration and working with first responders to reduce these deaths.

Kettler explained the four goals of the work plan which include: 1) conduct an environmental scan and gap analysis including both protective and risk factors and determine what is working well and what needs more work; 2) distribute as much Naloxone into the county as possible and host training sessions for parents, service providers, etc. on how and when to administer Naloxone to reduce the number of lives lost by at least 10%; 3) provide countywide education and outreach using the Opioid Prevention Tool Kit provided by the federal SAMHSA agency; and 4) utilize the County's Mobile Response Team in the Clinical Services Division and have someone available to reach out to users who have overdosed and their families to educate and advise of treatment options. Kettler discussed recently adopted Heroin, Opiate, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) legislation which will help make this possible.

Answering Howard's question, Kettler believes the \$225,000 will be sufficient to accomplish these goals.

MOTION: Genner moved, second by Whitmore to adjourn the board meeting at 2:46 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 171-O-080: Accept Wisconsin Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project Grant, Create One Sunset Clinical Therapist Position, And Modify Department Of Health And Human Services 2017 Budget To Appropriate Grant Expenditures

Kettler and Emslie discussed this ordinance which authorizes the department to accept up to \$225,000 of Wisconsin Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose (WI-PDO) prevention project grant funding from the State Department of Health Services for 2017. Expenditures will increase as follows: \$79,400 for 1.00 FTE clinical therapist position; \$45,500 for Naloxone/Narcan drugs; \$41,200 for first responder training; \$39,600 for a part-time contracted registered nurse; \$10,100 for travel costs and conference fees; and \$9,200 for program supplies, training materials, and telephone/computer equipment.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 171-O-080. Motion carried 7-0.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth indicated County staff are currently analyzing the governor's budget and the analysis from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau will be available in about one month. However, a preliminary analysis from the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has been released. Regarding human services, a bill is pending, which is also included in the budget that would require people to be current on their child support payments in order to receive FoodShare benefits. We should see a slight increase in Children and Family aids albeit not the 10% that was lobbied for by WCA - \$1.2 million the first year and \$5 million the second year. Foster Care and Kinship Care rates are expected to increase 2.5% annually. Juvenile correction institute rates are expected to increase quite a bit from \$292 to \$344 per day. Spaeth discussed bills they are

watching relating to the State's opioid task force and potential fiscal impacts to counties. Some bills related to the task force are in the budget including an increase for the Treatment Diversion Program (drug court grant funds). Lobbying Day is scheduled for April 5 and topics to present that day can be discussed at a future meeting.

MOTION: Wood moved, second by Kolb to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:52 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard
Secretary
Health and Human Services Board