

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
November 15, 2022

- Present SUAC Committee:** Addiction Resource Council (Lindsay Just, Chair), AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County (Tom Graves, Vice Chair), Department of Corrections (Karen Sharp), Rogers Memorial (Jim Hishmeh), WI Community Services (Karl Lindner), WisHope (Peter Brunzelle), Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Bethany Christian Centers (Deb Adamus)
- Absent SUAC Committee:** Pat Miller, SOFA (Lauri Badura), Thunder and Rain (Shari Kleppe), Lutheran Social Services (Sara Coogan)
- Absent HHS Board Liaison:** Dr. Mike Goldstone
- Present HHS Staff Liaisons:** John Kettler
- Guests:** Brea Lopez, Trista Mathisen, Erin Wells

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Committee Business

a. Pat Miller

Kettler announced that Miller has not attended a SUAC meeting since COVID, so he reached out to her. She shared that she has moved out of state and is relinquishing her seat on the committee. The committee thanks her support to SUAC over the years. Effective immediately, she has stepped down.

4. Discuss 2023 Community Prioritization Needs Presentation to HHS Board

The presentation will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on April 27 in the Board Room at HHS. Historically, SUAC has co-presented with the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC), as there are many overlapping priorities.

Kettler reminded attendees that the intent of the presentation is to inform the HHS Board that there is a need to prioritize – this is not part of the county budget.

At yesterday's MHAC meeting, attendees had discussed issues with lack of affordable housing / homelessness, transportation and accessibility, and the Certified Peer Specialist program.

Some of the housing issues include:

- HIL homes closing
- Shortage of independent living housing

- Shrinking list of landlords that will accept vouchers
- Requesting higher income or rent is set minimally higher than what is approved
- While housing options have remained the same for men, recovery housing for women is lacking and women with children is even more difficult
- Funds are often generated through grants and have specific qualifications
- Funding for emergency shelters is tighter

Adamus stated that Cornerstone of Grace in Watertown is accepting women with children.

Lopez recommended considering what has gotten worse since last year's presentation and focus on the impact and changes in the community.

Just recommended distributing educational materials to landlords regarding vouchers.

The Housing Authority should have data regarding how many people are on the list for vouchers and the average rental amount.

Sharp confirmed that the DOC staff does not go out to see clients. The DOC has also not seen an impact on compliance due to transportation.

Peer Specialists could be utilized to help get clients to appointments. Increasing the Peer Support Specialist role would be a benefit to the community.

5. **Plan 2023 Educational Presentation Schedule for Committee Meetings**

Attendees discussed possible educational presentation ideas for 2023 SUAC meetings, including:

- Felicia Behnke Shaw's presentation from the cancelled October meeting regarding Culturally Linguistically Appropriate Services Standards
- Zilozene (Hishmeh will ask staff at Rogers)
- Veyo
- Peer Support
- Bethany Christian Services (Adamus can arrange)
- Dunoon and other housing agencies
- Contingency usage of amphetamine use disorder
- Sublocade / Broad MAT treatment (Dr. Goldstone, Mary Yang, Dr. Kristin Fox from ProHealth)
- Metro Drug Unit Fake Online Pharmacies
- County's prevention resources – a panel of all agencies
- Gabapentin misuse

6. **Committee and Organizational Updates**

a. **HHS Board Liaison**

There was no HHS Board Liaison report.

b. **HHS Staff Liaison**

Kettler reported that the County Board will be voting on the 2023 budget tomorrow.

After a brief pause on accepting MAT clients, the outpatient clinic has gotten two new prescribers, so they can begin taking MAT clients again.

Waukesha County continues to focus on Fentanyl issues with a media campaign including billboards, buses, and bus stop shelters. The County also released a toolkit to help spread Fentanyl awareness, providing graphics that can be posted to social media, newsletters, and posters. Kettler will share the electronic toolkit with the committee.

c. Heroin Task Force (HTF)

The next meeting will be virtual on December 13, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The meeting will consist of a yearly recap of the action teams, discussing goals of 2023, and listening to guest speaker Phillip ~~Shard~~ Chard.

The HTF action teams continue to meet.

7. Agency Updates / Announcements

As of January 1, Addiction Resource Council (ARC) will be acquiring Your Choice. The program will maintain its name and the Oconomowoc office and acquire a new staff member.

~~Vivant~~ Vivent Health is setting up a safe injection space in ARC.

Bethany Christian Centers is at full capacity.

8. Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

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

9. Public Comment

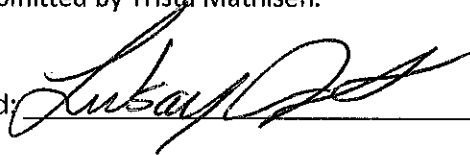
There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Graves moved, second by Brunzelle, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trista Mathisen.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

1/9/23