

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
November 16, 2021

Present SUAC Committee: Deb Adamus, Susie Austin, Marla Bell, Peter Brunzelle, Tom Graves (Vice Chair), Jim Hishmeh

Absent SUAC Committee: Lauri Badura, Pat Miller, Lindsay Just (Chair), Shari Kleppe, Connie Schrank

Present HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Tristin Bruno, Brea Lopez, Cindy Tomazevic, Dennis Williams

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Graves called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bell moved, second by Hishmeh, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committees minutes of October 19, 2021. Motion passed.

3. Community Needs Presentation for Annual 2022 HHS Board Presentation Discussion

1. Affordable housing needs
 - o Address rising homelessness – fund a study of root causes
 - o Resources for people who have been evicted, post COVID moratorium
 - o Increase locations that can take housing vouchers
 - o General education for landlords and other community members regarding housing voucher program and other housing assistance
 - o Stigma
 - o Deferred maintenance
 - o Increase transportation options near existing affordable housing or increase affordable housing near existing transportation options
2. Additional sober living/transitional housing facilities?
 - a. Fund position for Oxford House
 - b. Transportation for residents to and from treatment and/or employment
3. Extend public transportation outside of Waukesha County
4. Continue to advocate for Residential Treatment
5. Improve DSPS process and credentialing/licensing
6. Onsite AODA when police are called to contact public drinking/possession of alcohol
 - a. Find a way to avoid a charge via treatment like the “Help Not Handcuffs” program
 - b. Crisis team involvement

4. 2022 Meeting Topic Ideas

Attendees discussed possible meeting ideas and came up with the following tentative schedule:

March: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Discussion – Dr. Christian and Dr. Goldstone (Yauchler)
April: Finalize Unmet Needs Presentation
May: What are the needs vs. rules for MAT in jails, especially approaching re-entry – Waukesha County Jail Admin Staff (Bell)
June: What are other counties doing around MAT in jails – TBA (Kettler)
July: WHARP Update - TBA
September: Housing Action Coalition
October: Mobile Crisis Stabilization (might be best presented at a joint meeting with the Mental Health Advisory Committee) - TBA
November: TBA

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There is no HHS Board report.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Kettler shared that a Crisis Stabilization Therapist, LaShunn Qasim, has been hired and will be focused on people in mental health crisis as well as keeping people with high needs out of crisis. HHS is seeking case managers to assist LaShunn. Referrals can be made through the County's Mobile Crisis Response Team. Warm referrals are preferred so the client is not surprised when Qasim or a case manager calls.

WHARP has approximately 40 cases already and more referrals are underway.

The County now has the ability to fund recovery housing and has expanded the continuum of care. Recovery housing is available for individuals in treatment, with a treatment plan (not necessarily through Waukesha County). Lopez confirmed that access to treatment through other facilities has worked but it is more difficult to coordinate than doing in-house care.

Yauchler added that the Crisis Team, currently located in the Human Services Center, will be relocated to the Mental Health Center (MHC) once the remodel is completed. This would place all 24-hour staff under one roof and will increase the synergy between MHC staff and the Crisis Team.

c. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP)

Yauchler shared that the final meeting for the current 5-year CHIPP cycle has wrapped up. The most recent cycle focused on suicide prevention, mental health, nutrition and physical activity, and the opioid epidemic.

The Heroin Task Force has begun meeting again. The Steering Committee and Design Team are currently preparing for the full Community Gathering on December 7. The sub-committees have been restructured into action teams focused on Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment & Recovery, and Data & Reporting. The action teams have already begun meeting to review ideas generated at the June summit and to create initiatives.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

There were no agency updates or announcements.

7. Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

The committee will continue to discuss the Unmet Community Needs Presentation.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Austin moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

2/15/22