

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

Present SUAC Committee: Deb Adamus, Laurie Badura, Marla Bell, Peter Brunzelle, Tom Graves (Vice Chair), Jim Hishmeh, Lindsay Just (Chair), Shari Kleppe, Connie Schrank

Absent SUAC Committee: Susie Austin, Pat Miller

Present HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Tristin Bruno, Mary Goggins, Theresa Imp, Brea Lopez, Janelle McClain

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bell moved, second by Graves, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committees minutes of February 16, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Membership: Sixteenth Street Clinic

This topic has been tabled until a future meeting.

4. Community Needs Presentation for Annual 2021 HHS Board Presentation Discussion

Mary Madden, Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) Chair, is assembling the final PowerPoint presentation for the HHS Board. The presentation outline is as follows:

- Community focus regarding why the MHAC and SUAC present jointly
- Provide three recommendations to the HHS Board:
 - Medicaid Residential Substance Use Benefit
 - Peer Support Specialist, Alayna Benoit, will be a guest speaker on the topic
 - Crisis Stabilization and Respite Center
 - Homelessness / Lack of Affordable Housing
 - MHAC provider member, Rachel Sauer, will be a guest speaker on the topic

5. Family of Choice Programming and Support Resources Offered

Attendees discussed how they have included loved ones in services, such as therapy and groups, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, during the pandemic, and anticipated post-pandemic services. This would include utilizing technology to allow loved ones to attend the sessions while at other locations. The virtual setting has helped more families to participate in therapy that they may not have otherwise been able to.

6. **Committee and Organizational Updates**

a. **HHS Board Liaison**

There was no HHS Board Liaison report.

b. **HHS Staff Liaison**

The AODA Volunteers have reopened the Thursday night recovery group at HHS. The group will be meeting in-person at 6:30 p.m., and anyone can attend.

Waukesha County has a new Peer Specialist, Alaina Benoit.

The Mental Health Center (MHC) has received their 75.10 licensing, so staff are receiving additional training. The licensing will allow the MHC staff to assist approximately 50-60% of the inpatient unit admissions that have substance use needs that need to be addressed.

Dr. Christian has been instrumental in assisting Waukesha County the ability to administer Sublocade. Genoa Pharmacy is in the process of obtaining the licensing to offer the mediation.

The MHC is recruiting for psychiatry services, hoping to hire someone with a background in treating addiction to coincide with the 75.10 licensing. An offer has been extended to an APNP that has Suboxone experience.

There are two upcoming trainings that HHS has training grant funds available if any SUAC members would be interested in attending:

1. WI DHS Opioids, Stimulants, and Trauma Summit – 3 morning sessions (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) on 3 dates: April 16 (focus on opioids), May 14 (focus on stimulants), and June 18 (focus on trauma). Continuing Education credits are available. The website for additional information is: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/opioids-stimulants-trauma-summit.htm>
2. Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit – April 5-8. The website for additional information is: <https://www.rx-summit.com/>

c. **Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP)**

The Heroin Task Force (HTF) is looking to set a date in the beginning of May for a daylong summit to “reboot” the HTF. The Steering Committee is currently reviewing the past HTF membership for accuracy and to obtain updated information if necessary.

7. **Agency Updates / Announcements**

The SOFA Jump for Archie event will be on May 15. Emails have been sent out to look for partners for the event. If anyone has any questions or needs assistance, they should contact Badura.

8. **Discuss Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda**

- Syringe Exchange on a Local Level – Kristin Grimes, Vivant Health

9. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Bell moved, second by Badura, to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved April 20, 2021.