

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County Health and Human Services**  
**Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting**  
**May 17, 2022**

**Present SUAC Committee:** Addiction Resource Council (Lindsay Just, Chair), Bethany Christian Centers (Deb Adamus), Department of Corrections (Marla Bell), WI Community Services (Susie Austin), WisHope (Peter Brunzelle)

**Absent SUAC Committee:** AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County (Tom Graves, Vice Chair), Lutheran Social Services (Connie Schrank), Pat Miller, Rogers Memorial (Jim Hishmeh), SOFA (Lauri Badura), Thunder and Rain (Shari Kleppe)

**Present HHS Board Liaison:** Dr. Mike Goldstone

**Absent HHS Staff Liaisons:** John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

**Guests:** Jessica Brost, Brea Lopez, Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Sam Schutte, Cindy Tomazevic

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Austin moved, second by Adamus, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committee's minutes of April 19, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

Austin stated that the Peer Specialists will be handling the August 31 Overdose Awareness Event in the shelter at Frame Park.

**4. Status of Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) in the Jail**

Luczaj provided some background regarding MAT at the Waukesha County Jail. Currently, the jail only provides MAT to pregnant women, versus other county jails (such as Milwaukee County) where a fuller array of MAT is provided.

A meeting was held on April 27 to with the new Jail Administrator, Wellpath (the Jail Medical Services provider), and other interested parties to discuss MAT in the jail. Wellpath acknowledges the importance of expanding the program. The Sheriff's Department, while open to expanding the program, expressed a concern regarding the budget and could only change the services if Waukesha County was able to receive a grant. All the interested parties were supportive of this idea. The group will continue to meet monthly to determine any possible grant opportunities.

Luczaj met with Yauchler, Kettler, and Liz Aldred to discuss the opioid settlement fund that Waukesha County will be receiving – between \$600,000 - \$800,000 per year for 15-18 years beginning in 2023. The funds must be used for treatment or preventions, so it falls on HHS to determine how to spend the money. Luczaj presented on sustaining the diversion program, and Kettler presented regarding MAT in the jail. Yauchler and Aldred were in agreement. Aldred will

compile the HHS recommendations and forward them onto the Department of Administration (DOA) for final approval.

**5. Discuss 2022 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board**

TJ Findley and Rachel Sauer, both from the Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) presented on behalf of both the MHAC and SUAC.

Goldstone stated that, while the budget appears to be cut for the services presented on, hopefully the opioid settlement funds will help offset the costs. Lopez added that there are specific opioid funds that can be used for substance use clients.

Attendees expressed an interest in hearing more about recovery housing options in Waukesha County. Brunzelle will develop a presentation for the SUAC for next month's meeting.

**6. Committee and Organizational Updates**

**a. HHS Board Liaison**

There was no HHS Board update.

**b. HHS Staff Liaison**

Due to being short-staffed with prescribers, HHS has been unable to take on any new clients for prescribers.

**c. Heroin Task Force (HTF)**

The Steering Committee met earlier today.

The Harm Reduction Team has started the Never Use Alone Program, is installing Nalox boxes at WCS and the Department of Corrections, is looking at bringing Peer Specialists into the jail, and holding a community event in June.

The Treatment Team is addressing transportation difficulties for clients.

The Prevention Team held a webinar a month ago regarding seniors and substance use and are working on another webinar regarding how to begin the conversation with youth.

The Data Team is continuing to develop the website for the HTF.

**7. Agency Updates / Announcements**

The Peer Specialist program will be kicking off with the Department of Corrections Probation/Parole division.

Addiction Resource Council (ARC) is installing the first free Naloxone vending machines at the Waukesha Alamo Club on Thursday. Just hopes to add Fentanyl strips in the future as well. Waukesha County has expressed a willingness to collaborate and assist with expanding the program throughout the County. The bag will contain the Naloxone as well as other resources. ARC is planning to have a community event in downtown Waukesha to assist with outreach to the homeless population to make them aware of the vending machine location.

ARC is hosting a bowling fundraiser on Sunday at New Berlin Bowl. Contact Just for additional details or to sign up a team.

The Jump for Archie event will be held on June 18.

The annual recovery event with the AODA Volunteers will be held on September 17. If anyone is interested in assisting with the event, contact Austin.

Bethany Recovery Center will hold a walk/event on Saturday at Kohler Lake.

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

- Need for Recovery Housing – Brunzelle will present

**9. Public Comment**

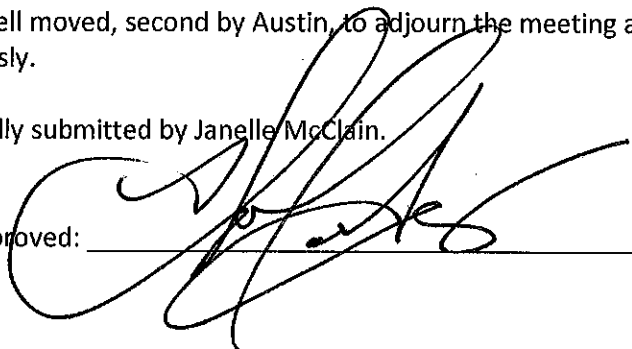
There was no public comment.

**10. Adjourn**

Motion: Bell moved, second by Austin, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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