

**Waukesha County Human Services Center  
Substance Use (formerly AODA) Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting  
June 19, 2018**

**Present AODA Committee:** Rose Barton, Marla Bell, Tom Graves, Rob McCreadie, Lauri McHugh-Badura, Pat Miller, Kelly Morgan, Joe Muchka, Mike O'Brien, Patrick Reilly, Dennis Williams

**Absent AODA Committee:** Jim Aker, Susie Austin, David Lamack, Michael Bauer, Kevin Schaefer

**HHS Staff Liaisons:** John Kettler, Joan Sternweis

**Guests:** Dorothy Chaney (via phone), Amanda Christianson, Rachael Cooper (via phone), Mary Goggins, Mary Simon

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Barton moved, second by McCreadie, to approve the AODA Advisory Committee Minutes of May 15, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Elections**

Muchka announced that, due to his August retirement, he is unable to maintain the position of committee Vice Chair. The committee thanked him for his commitment for the last two plus years as Vice Chair, and numerous years as a member.

Motion: Barton moved, second by McCreadie, to nominate Schaefer for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Substance Use Advisory Committee. Reilly abstained from voting. Motion passed unanimously.

Schaefer will be contacted to inform him of the nomination, and a vote to approve will be conducted at the July SUAC meeting.

**4. Reports**

**a. HHS Board Liaison**

O'Brien reported that the HHS Board met last Thursday and heard a presentation by the Housing Action Coalition. There is one eviction every four days in Waukesha County; and the average rent in the City of Waukesha is \$1016 per month. There are a number of reasons driving up the costs, including the dwindling amount of available lots, as well as the loss of building trade workers. He added that there was a Journal Sentinel article quoting a builder as saying that never again will a house be built for less than \$400,000.

The IPID Committee met last week and heard from the Drug Free Coalition (DFC) regarding their video efforts with sponsoring a contest amongst high school students to discourage drunk driving and pill abuse. While the videos will not be played at Marcus Theaters this year, DFC is anticipating a lot of exposure due to social media.

**b. HHS Staff Liaison**

Kettler reported that HHS is working on setting up a variety of trainings. One will be bringing in Dr. David Mee-Lee, Chief Editor of the ASAM Criteria, to give presentations on how organizations can approach the opioid crisis. Dates are still pending.

Waukesha County will be going forward with Certified Peer Specialist training. There is no training cost to the trainee; however, the trainee will have to pay for the exam. Trainees do not have to be Waukesha County residents. Applications will need to be taken for the 18 spots available.

Lofexidine has been approved for use from the FDA. Lofexidine works similar to Clonidine, helping to reduce the effect of opioid withdrawal.

Kettler reviewed the success of the Prevention Week activities. He also reported that, due to Naloxone, up to 32 lives are reported as being saved.

Sternweis commented that HHS and Waukesha County are working on the 2019 budget. The Prioritized (Unmet) Needs may not get a lot of traction in terms of dollars, as the cost to continue business-as-usual is far below the tax levy designated for HHS. Staff continues to look at grant opportunities. HHS continues to look to address the unmet needs while providing quality service in cost effective ways.

McHugh-Badura arrived at 3:35 p.m. Muchka left at 3:45 p.m.

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

Sternweis stated that the CHIPP tri-chairs will be presenting their action plans to the CHIPP Steering Committee on July 17.

**5. Heroin Task Force (HTF) Harm Reduction Pillar**

Chaney gave a brief background regarding aligning the HTF with CHIPP, stating that most of the pillars identified a main gap to focus on.

If the SUAC agrees to take on the Harm Reduction Pillar, the committee would have to identify the activities that would be taken on in 2018 and moving forward. The HTF is looking at the main issues of jail outreach, NARCAN training, and the needle exchange.

Kettler commented that there should be a liaison from SUAC attending the HTF meetings. He stated that the liaison could be a member or a non-member of SUAC.

Sternweis believed that the intention of having the SUAC take on the Harm Reduction Pillar was to focus on advocacy and getting the information out versus physically doing something about it. Chaney agreed that if a cause, such as needle exchange, is brought into the Harm Reduction Pillar, it would progress to HTF, and then to CHIPP, thus bringing the issue predominately to the forefront.

Attendees expressed the frustrations they are finding with the lack of needle exchanges.

The committee has two decisions to make:

1. Does the committee want to assume the role of the harm reduction pillar?
2. If so, what does the committee want to focus on as the one primary area?

Sternweis added that there are personnel in the State DHS that are familiar with initiatives in Waukesha County, including the work of SUAC on needle exchange services. Reaching out to State staff regarding funding options for harm reduction efforts may prove helpful in expanding ARCW funding or in developing options to fund the unmet needs identified by SUAC.

Motion: Barton moved, second by Bell, for the Substance Use Advisory Committee to assume the role of the Harm Reduction Pillar. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee will discuss the focus for the harm reduction pillar at the July meeting.

**6. Agency Updates / Announcements**

Williams reported that Dr. Miller retired last week, but will be working part-time for a drug company.

McHugh-Badura commented that the SOFA bill is on the verge of passing.

Reilly commented that the Healing Corner has now administered 125 Sublocade injections.

**7. Public Comment**

No report.

**8. Adjourn**

Motion: Barton moved, second by McCreadie, to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Approved July 17, 2018.