

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Christine Howard, Kathleen Cummings, Joel Gaughan, Darlene Johnson, and Duane Paulson. Jeremy Walz arrived at 1:38 p.m. **Absent:** Jim Batzko.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Ralph Schultz of Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action (SOPHIA), Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Accounting Services Manager Lisa Davis, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, County Board Chair Paul Decker, and Blessings in a Backpack Waukesha Chapter Program Coordinator Regina Estrada.

Public Comments

Schultz urged the passing of the CJCC ordinances on today's agenda and additional future funding.

Approve Minutes of June 13

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of June 13. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Committee Report of June 17

Howard said the Executive Committee approved five appointments and an ordinance to modify the 2019 Capital Budget to increase design expenditures for the CTH O & CTH I intersection reconstruction project, and they heard a follow-up report on the Clerk of Courts' annual accounting of guardianships.

Next Meeting Date

- August 15

Ordinance 174-O-044: Accept WI Department Of Justice CIT Training Grant Funding And Modify The Department Of Health And Human Services - CJCC 2019 Budget

Luczaj discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Health and Human Services Department - CJCC to accept a Department of Justice grant and appropriate \$20,000 in expenditures to implement Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement.

The department indicates that the grant contributes to reduced harm to the public, mental health consumers, and law enforcement officers by providing law enforcement with a 40-hour training program to recognize signs of mental illness and learn de-escalation techniques to reduce the number of arrests of mentally ill individuals by promoting more appropriate referrals to mental health treatment services within the community.

Expenditures include \$10,000 for a subcontract with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Waukesha to facilitate the training and \$10,000 for up to 25 stipends for law enforcement to cover the costs of officer backfill for the weeklong training. This ordinance results in no direct levy impact.

Walz arrived at 1:38 p.m.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 174-O-044. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 174-O-045: Accept WI Department Of Justice Pretrial Pilot Implementation Grant Funding And Modify The Department Of Health And Human Services - CJCC 2019 Budget

Luczaj discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Health and Human Services Department - CJCC to accept a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant and appropriate \$68,421 in expenditures to implement the PSA pretrial risk tool. Pretrial best practices recommend that all pretrial defendants are screened, using a validated risk tool, for risk of failure to appear for court and risk of committing new criminal activity while released in the community during the pretrial phase, so that those setting bail have the most information available when making release decisions. The grant period ends December 31, 2019, however, DOJ has informed Pretrial Pilot counties that continuation funding is available at least one more year and potentially for another two years, through 2022.

Expenditures include \$33,083 for a full-time, contracted Pretrial Screener position; \$4,138 in funding for two staff to attend the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) annual conference; \$1,200 for the annual user fee for accessing the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to conduct criminal background checks; and \$30,000 to provide funds for electronic monitoring costs for indigent pretrial defendants. This ordinance results in no direct levy impact.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Gaughan to approve Ordinance 174-O-044. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Programming/Activities

Luczaj discussed noteworthy data and the many successful outcomes from an array of programs including deferred prosecution and diversion programs. She went on to cover a grant application pertaining to a justice and mental health collaboration which would greatly enhance community crisis stabilization services. Additional funding may be available to continue on with initiatives.

Responding to Gaughan's question, Luczaj said there are individuals on the wait list for Alcohol Treatment Court.

Presentation on Blessings in a Backpack

Estrada explained the purpose of this program is to ensure the population of students that otherwise would not have adequate food on the weekends are provided with food supplies. They served 1,600 children although potentially 4,600 children are eligible based on program guidelines. The total budget per child is \$100 per year.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth indicated the budget was signed and, generally, it is a good budget for counties. Some vetoes did impact counties such as Birth to Three and food stamp programs. Child welfare was increased by \$25 million which was very positive.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Walz to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary