

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee**

**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

Chairs Howard and Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Christine Howard (Chair), Jim Batzko, Kathleen Cummings, Joel Gaughan, Darlene Johnson, and Jeremy Walz. **Absent:** Duane Paulson

**Board Members Present:** Supervisors Larry Nelson (Chair) and Christine Howard and Citizen Members Mike O'Brien, Vicki Dallmann-Papke, Jeffrey Genner, and Tim Whitmore. Dallmann-Papke left the meeting at 2:30 p.m. **Absent:** Supervisor Duane Paulson and Citizen Member Mary Lodes.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Waukesha Program Director Sarah Pfeiffle, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Housing Action Coalition Coordinator Johnneisha Prescott, Community Support Program Supervisor Brad Haas, Communications Coordinator Linda Wickstrom, and Adolescent and Family Services Manager Ron Pupp. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of 5-10-18**

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of May 10. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Announcements**

Mader and Howard gave brief updates on Supervisor Paulson's recovery.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- August 16, 2018

#### **Executive Committee Report of 5-14-18**

Howard advised the Executive Committee elected Peter Wolff as secretary and they approved the scope for the Information Systems Division audit, the Internal Audit Work Plan, three ordinances, and ten appointments.

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of 5-10-18**

MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by Genner to approve the minutes of May 10. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Howard gave a report on the last Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee meeting. She distributed copies of the latest ADRC newsletter and advised the 2018 ADRC resource guides are available. O'Brien said the Interagency Program for Intoxicated Drivers (IPID) Committee viewed student-produced public service announcements with the goal to be distributed via social media.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- Thursday, July 12, 2018 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Board only)

### **Items for Discussion and Consideration**

#### **Call for Nominations for the Office of Vice Chair (*Board*)**

Nelson said this item will not be acted on as there is no vacancy and Howard will continue as vice chair of the Health & Human Services Board.

#### **Call for Nominations for the Office of Secretary (*Board*)**

Nelson said this item will not be acted on because according to the bylaws, the Health & Human Services Board does not elect a secretary.

#### **Navigating the Housing System for Individuals on Limited Incomes (*Board and Committee*)**

Haas, Prescott, and Pfeiffle were present to discuss this item. Prescott indicated that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommends that housing costs (inclusive of rent and utilities) should absorb no more than 30% of a household's total income. Paying more than 30% means that a household is unstably housed. Waukesha County's median income for 2016 is \$78,268. Most program participants are at or below the poverty line: \$23,480/annually; \$1,956/monthly; or \$12.22/hr. A low-income renter in Waukesha at 30% of the AMI should pay no more than \$587/month for rent. As of May 2018, the average SSDI payment is \$1,198/month. The average single family household pays \$172/month for utilities leaving \$415 for rental costs. Only 5% of all renters in Waukesha County pay less than \$500/month. The average rental in Waukesha County is \$943/month and 44% of renters in Waukesha County pay over \$1,000/month, 27% of renters in Waukesha County pay \$800-\$999/month, 28% of renters in Waukesha County pay \$300-\$799/month, and 3% have zero income liability for rental costs. Of the 162,740 housing units in Waukesha County, only 4.3% of them are unoccupied/available for rent or ownership. Only 25% of Waukesha County's housing stock are rental properties resulting in an extremely competitive market. First time homelessness for a household entering the shelter system has an average monthly cost of \$1,634 - \$2,308 for singles and \$3,184-\$20,031 for families with minor children. Cumulative care for one individual experiencing homelessness for one year amounts to a \$30,000-\$50,000 annual taxpayer liability. Low-income renters who cannot afford their housing are less likely to follow up with treatment programs and plans of care, and are more likely to experience nutritional insecurity, have poor health outcomes, have educational deficits, be evicted, and become homeless. Staff referred to the chart which outlines homelessness throughout the state from 2014 through 2017.

The presenters went on to discuss assisting low income households to navigate housing in a high cost market. This includes referrals for job programs, landlord/tenant mediation to prevent

evictions, support groups and case management providers to assist with behavioral issues or financial management; local programs which provide assistance with rent, clothing, food security, and utility assistance; and relocations or temporary safe living arrangements until local housing can be secured. Pfeiffle discussed ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. These are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living. It was noted that 23% of households fall in the category of ALICE.

Dallmann-Papke left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

### **Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Proposed Bills and Possible Effects on the Juvenile Detention Center (*Board and Committee*)**

Pupp discussed potential changes to juvenile facilities to occur after January 1, 2021 which is when the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake schools are scheduled to close. A Juvenile Corrections Study Committee will begin meeting in September 2018 to review criteria for administrative rules whereby Pupp went on to review the full timeline as outlined in his handout. He went on to discuss Youth Aids, fiscal impacts, data on total number of secure days and 72-hour holds, facilities for girls, early release and aftercare, and the Juvenile Corrections Grant Program. Robertson advised that updates will be provided to the committee and board as this progresses.

### **Announcements**

Nelson advised the Drug Free Coalition will meet this Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Human Services Center. The guest speaker will be Nathan Smidt, Specialist with the Narcotics and Vice Unit of the Waukesha Police Department.

MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by O'Brien to adjourn the board meeting at 2:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Ordinance 173-O-023 Reauthorize the Use of the Secure and Non-Secure Detention Facilities for Short Term Detention (*Committee*)**

Pupp discussed this ordinance as outlined and said Chapter 938 of the State Statutes is designed to hold juveniles accountable for their violations of juvenile court orders and it imposes direct accountability. Previous ordinances adopted by the Waukesha County Board authorized the use of the non-secure and secure detention facilities to detain juveniles for up to 72 hours without a hearing as a consequence for violating terms of a dispositional order. The historical use of the 72-hour hold has been a useful option in the Department's array of services and it applies to facilities operated by Waukesha County or under contract with Waukesha County. The 72-hour hold option will sunset June 30, 2018 without reauthorization. The committee discussed and debated staff's request to no longer require that this ordinance come forward every two years. Cummings was opposed to eliminating the sunset provision.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Walz to amend Ordinance 173-O-023 by removing lines 22 through 25 and adding a new sentence on line 32 to read as follows: "Re-authorization will be required every two years beginning June 30, 2020." Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 173-O-023 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

**State Legislative Update**

Spaeth gave an update on State legislative study committees and membership. Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dorow and Maureen Atwell of the County's Corporation Counsel's Office will be members of two committees. She also discussed potential issues for the next legislative session, with one recurring suggestion being foster care.

**Review and Revise Future Agenda items List (*Committee*)**

The committee reviewed their future agenda items list.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Johnson to adjourn the committee meeting at 3:40 p.m.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard  
Secretary