

**WAUKESHA COUNTY  
AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Rose Barton, Lou Hernandez, Susie Austin, Debra Adamus, Dennis Williams, Dennis Radloff, Kelly Morgan, Kevin Schaefer, Joan Sternweis, Mike O'Brien, Lee Wipfli, Sue Karras, Pat Miller

**Excused Absence:** Joe Muchka, David LaMack, Jim Aker

**Guest:** Rob Mueller

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Chair Barton.

Introductions amongst the group were exchanged.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Susie Austin, second by Deb Adamus to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015.

**PRESENTATION**

Rob Mueller, Senior Attorney with Waukesha County Corporation Counsel's office presented on Third Party Involuntary Commitments and the role of Corporation Counsel. Mueller represents Waukesha County on child support enforcement cases, mental health and drug commitments, and parental rights for the past fifteen years. Mueller handed out an overview of information on Third Party Alcohol or Drug Dependence Petition. Chapter 51 highlights and the patient criteria one must meet include:

1. Be Drug or Alcohol Dependent
2. Be dangerous to self, others, or impaired judgment.
3. Patient must be treatable and able to benefit from such treatment

Adamus questioned if the process can begin in the Hospital Emergency Room, similar to a 72 hour hold. Mueller said clinicians in the Emergency Room are trained to call the police if a patient is medically compromised. Individuals get detained due to alcohol, but cannot be involuntarily treated. The process is the same with involuntary emergency detention or third party petition. Within 72 hours of an individual being taken into custody, the individual must either be released or given a probable cause hearing. If probable cause is found, the individual can be maintained in treatment for up to 14 days from the date of the initial detention and a final hearing is scheduled within that 14 days. Sometimes an individual is stipulated and onboard with voluntary treatment, or a contract is signed with the individual based on what the physician recommends after seeing the individual, and if they admit they have a problem and want to seek treatment.

A settlement agreement is a court order contract that the court ratifies, and considered least restrictive. The physician makes the decision when an individual can leave the hospital, and if they leave on their own will, the individual would be in violation of a court order. With a third party petition, the hospital could say the individual does not meet the criteria. If a third party petition is either for alcohol or drug dependency, the individual must be screened and preapproved for the treatment before the petition is filed. Waukesha County screens approximately 1,000 individuals a year.

Morgan questioned the process of how the family is contacted when an individual is at the emergency room for a second overdose attempt. Mueller noted that it's dependent on how the individual arrived at the Hospital Emergency Room. If family members bring an individual in versus arriving by EMS, the emergency room physician calls. Then the police department is notified to determine if the individual should be emergency detained, or the individual's family may contact Corporation Counsel to evaluate the situation. Different factors and criteria come into play and can be different at each hospital.

If the court finds the individual drug or alcohol dependent, the individual is monitored by a social worker from the Department of Health and Human Services to monitor their compliance with the agreement. If the agreement is followed, the case is dismissed. If the individual violates the agreement, the person can be detained and the case may then proceed to probable cause and final hearing.

Third Party Petitions under Chapter 51 can be done for mental health, drug dependency, or alcohol cases. Three people sign a petition and affidavits indicating that the individual meets criteria for commitment under either 51.20 or 5.145. A question and answer period followed.

### **HHS BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

O'Brien reported on the Health and Human Services Board meeting of May 14, 2015. Educational segments were heard on various topics such as Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee, Trauma at Risk Screening Program, and Environmental Health. On April 23, 2015, the Board had its annual working luncheon with County Executive Paul Farrow. The Board discussed the unmet needs presented by the various advisory committees and briefed Farrow on who the AODA Advisory committee is and what the committee does.

### **HHS STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Sternweis reported County Executive Paul Farrow attended a meeting with the Health and Human Services Managers on May 1, 2015. Each Manager spoke about their division. Additionally, Farrow has received an overview of the CJCC programs and treatment court by Judge Dorow and CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj. Sternweis commented that Farrow came across very personable and caring, and concerned about heroin and substance abuse treatment across Waukesha County. County Executive Paul Farrow attended the Genoa Pharmacy grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony on May 18, 2015.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Invite Matt Talbot to speak on the Opiate Detox Approach challenges and successes.

**AGENCY/MEMBER UPDATES**

- Harm Reduction Pillar meeting, May 19<sup>th</sup> at SALS
- Naloxone Training, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Waukesha Memorial Hospital, contact Dennis Radloff at 262-443-9993.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Kelly Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mental Health Center in the Multipurpose Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Johnson, Recorder

Approved on 6-16-15