

**WAUKESHA COUNTY  
AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Lou Hernandez, Susie Austin, Lee Wipfli, Debra Adamus, Dennis Williams, John Kettler, Dennis Radloff, Kelly Morgan, Lauri McHugh-Badura, David LaMack, Sarah Justin

**Excused Absence:** Rose Barton, Sue Karras, Pat Miller, Joe Muchka

**Guest:** Dr. Tim Westlake

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Hernandez.

Introductions amongst the group were exchanged.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Susie Austin, seconded by Deb Adamus to approve the minutes of March 17, 2015.

**PRESENTATION**

Lauri McHugh-Badura introduced Dr. Westlake and a warm welcome was extended. Dr. Westlake is an Emergency Department Physician with Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, and on the State of Wisconsin Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Taskforce. Dr. Westlake spoke about the opiate epidemic from an emergency department perspective. Opiate withdrawal is not considered a life threatening emergency. Patients entering the emergency room seeking opiate medication usually enter presenting other symptoms or illness. Westlake stated the hospital's assessment team coordinates services and treatment options for those in acute withdrawal. Supportive care and linking individuals to resources is primary. No narcotics are prescribed unless in acute pain and in speaking to the individual's primary doctor first. This will vary from person to person. Once an individual is over the age of 18 years old, and 24 hours after they are treated and released from the emergency department, there is concern regarding the tendency to reuse. Badura suggested having a packet of information available to handout when an individual is identified as having an addiction problem. This could be a countywide initiative as interest on prevention and education is prevalent in Waukesha. Another clinical tool is the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Currently 49 states have this system, and it will be mandatory for all physicians, practitioners, and veterinarians. The Wisconsin Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Taskforce is working with State Representative Nygren on changing the regulatory authority guidelines for prescription medications. Additionally, Attorney General Brad Schimel announced that the Department of Justice will spearhead and coordinate a prescription drug take back program in Wisconsin.

### **UPDATE ON THE HEROIN AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE**

Kettler provided a brief update and handout on each of the five pillars of Workplace, Law Enforcement, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Prevention. Each pillar has been assigned to come up with measurable outcomes and ways in which to implement and measure.

### **HHS STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

John Kettler informed the group that the Genoa behavioral health pharmacy is open, and great reviews have been heard from clients. Also looking to recruit two additional clinical therapists who are dually credentialed to put together a dual diagnosis intensive outpatient program for individuals with co-occurring disorders.

### **HHS BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Sarah Justin reported the Health and Human Services Board will meet with County Executive on Thursday, April 23, 2015 to discuss and prioritize the Advisory Committee's unmet needs for 2016.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Susie Austin made a motion, seconded by Lee Wipfli to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mental Health Center in the A/B Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Johnson, Recorder

Approved on 5-19-15