Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Chairs Yerke and Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Gilbert Yerke, Janel Brandtjen, Duane Paulson, Jeremy Walz, and Bill Zaborowski. Tom Schellinger arrived at 1:13 p.m. **Absent**: Supervisor Christine Howard.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson, Janel Brandtjen, and Bill Zaborowski, and Citizen Members Lori Cronin, Michael O'Brien, and Tim Whitmore. **Absent**: Supervisor Christine Howard and Citizen Members Mary Lodes, Sarah Justin, and Dr. Steven Kulick.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Veterans Services Officer Tom Ludka, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Juvenile Center Coordinator Mike Sturdevant, Clerk of Juvenile Court Kelly Haag, Maura McMahon of the Public Defender's Office, Out Of Home Care Coordinator Kevin Foster, Shelter Care Manager Jason Eiler. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 6-11-15
MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of June 11. Motion carried 5-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Date
- September 10

Executive Committee Report(s) of 6-15-15 and 7-20-15
Yerke highlighted the following items discussed at the last two Executive Committee meetings.
- Approved ordinances and appointments which have since been approved by the County Board.
- Heard a detailed state legislative update.
- Reviewed the scopes of the Purchasing audit and the Parks cash controls audit.
- Heard a report on the National Association of Counties annual conference.

Schellinger arrived at 1:13 p.m.

Announcements
Yerke indicated Health & Human Services recently presented their budget to the County Executive. Also, the Public Health Division was certified Level II. He noted Public Health is doing a lot more drug testing. Staff have done more than 500 so far this year and 50% have come back positive.

State Legislative Update
Spaeth said there are currently no activities on the State level pertaining to Human Services.

Board Agenda Items

Advisory Committee Reports
O'Brien said the ADOA Advisory Committee continues to look at ways to address the heroin epidemic. The committee heard a presentation on the Community Recovery Center/Opiate Detox Program which operates in Milwaukee and Waukesha.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

Accept 2014 Annual Report of the Veterans Service Office *(Committee)*
Ludka reviewed the annual report Veterans Service Office as outlined. In 2014, there were 8,695 incoming phone calls, 9,037 emails, 1,821 pieces of mail received via email transmission, and 4,116 clients visited the office. There were a total of 60 appearances on behalf of veterans made during the year. Federal benefits for Waukesha County veterans and their dependents totaled $214,675,290 and includes VA guaranteed home loans, medical expenditures, compensation and pension, etc. State benefits totaled $1,255,483 and includes property tax credits, education grants, health care aid grants, etc. In total, the office received $215,930,773 in Federal and State dollars. The 2014 Veterans Service Office budget was $287,074 of which $274,074 was from tax levy. There were no inquiries for indigent veteran burials in 2014.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Paulson to accept the 2014 annual report of the Veterans Service Office. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Officer Grant *(Combined)*
Ludka distributed copies of the current State Statutes as they pertain to grants to counties and tribes for improvement of services and care of graves though county veterans service offices. Ludka indicated counties can apply annually for an improvement of services grant for former military personnel. For counties of 75,000 or more, this totals $13,000. Ludka indicated the County spends about $10,000 to $13,000 each year on flags for graves. Last year the office received a call from the State indicating grant funds cannot be used for that purpose. Ludka noted the County has been using the grant for flags for the last 20 years and the Statutes indicate the purchase is allowed. Beginning in 2016, these annual grants will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. Ludka briefly explained how the grants can and cannot be used and questions that remain. Paulson referred to this as "jumping through hoops" while Brandtjen felt perhaps the State was trying to give counties flexibility. Ludka said had he indicated to the State that the funds would be used for flags, the grant would have been denied. Other counties have experienced similar problems. Further administrative rules from the State will be coming but he does not yet know what they will be. He agreed to provide an update at that time.

Election of Health & Human Services Board Secretary *(Board)*
MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by Zaborowski to nominate and elect Christine Howard as secretary of the Health & Human Services Board. Motion carried 6-0.

Report on 2015 Secure Detention Annual Inspection *(Combined)*
Sturdevant discussed the recent 2015 State inspection of the County Juvenile Center. The State had no concerns with the County's Detention Risk Assessment (currently a pilot program), health and screening process, cell fire escapes and locks, and facility cleaning and maintenance. There were no administrative code violations and the inspector considered the center approved for operation. The inspector also commended the staff. A minor concern was noted with one worker's documentation of juvenile observation which was easily remedied. The inspector did recommend installing wall mats in certain areas of the building for safety issues. The inspector also had concerns with outdated cameras and staff is working with Facilities to update the system. He noted that cameras are not used for direct supervision. They are used to reduce the County's liability and aid law enforcement for crimes committed by juveniles while in custody.

Overview of Shelter Care at Lad Lake *(Combined)*
Slesar said the transition of shelter care from the County Juvenile Center to Lad Lake has been amazingly smooth due to the quality of staff at both facilities. The goal was to incorporate Trauma Informed Care practices at the facility and the Lad Lake building was constructed based on that model. Shelter care is short-term and most kids are there three to five days where they receive treatment before they move on in the system or at home. Slesar said placement in shelter care is an intervention and is designed to give them the opportunity to learn from the experience and break patterns of negative behaviors. Lad Lake's primary role is to work with the young person to reduce the negative impact/anxiety of being removed from their home. Eiler said they are taught life skills while at the facility as well. Shelter care residents are separated from Lad Lake residents per contract. Social workers, parents, and sometimes other contractors, such as St Charles, are involved in the counseling and care plans. Shelter care houses both male and female residents from age 10 until 18.

Tour *(Combined)*
Eiler led the committee and board members on a tour of the newly constructed Lad Lake shelter care building.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Cronin moved, second by O'Brien to adjourn the board meeting at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard

Christine Howard, Secretary
Health and Human Services Board