

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 12:02 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson, Christine Howard, and Bill Zaborowski. Citizen Members Mary Lodes, Mike O'Brien, and Tim Whitmore. **Excused Absence:** Citizen Member Dr. Steven Kulick.

Also Present: County Executive Paul Farrow, Health and Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health and Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Public Communication Coordinator Julianne Davan. Recorded by Linda Johnson, Health and Human Services.

Presentation to County Executive 2017 Budget Recommendations

Paulson thanked County Executive Farrow for joining the HHS Board for its annual luncheon meeting.

Paulson and other members of the Health and Human Services Board spoke of the Heroin epidemic crisis in Waukesha County, emphasizing the need to decrease the 2016 wait lists for the Drug Treatment Courts. Paulson referenced a letter, in which County Executive acknowledge receipt of, from a mother speaking about her son's addiction to heroin. The Board's proposed number one priority is for additional resources to assist with the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Courts for 2017, but specifically to decrease the 2016 Drug Treatment Court wait lists.

O'Brien complimented Luczaj, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator, in her efforts with obtaining grant funding for both courts.

Whitmore complimented the professionalism of HHS staff, the effort and time bringing forth this proposed budget, and their strengths in recognizing the needs and services to move the county forward.

Lodes stated that alcohol and drug abuse is a disease and causing more deaths in the community. Addiction is not a choice, and until the community understands the concept of addiction, you will not be able to erase the stigma in the community.

Share Advisory Committee Input with County Executive

A summary of the Department of Health and Human Services Board's Advisory Committees 2016 Unmet Needs Presentation and summary of comments and letters from the April 7, 2016 Public Hearing was shared with County Executive Farrow.

Additional unmet needs as outlined in the summary report from the Advisory Committees will be incorporated into the programs and services provided by the Health & Human Services Department.

Discuss Budget Picture and Process with County Executive

County Executive Farrow acknowledge the increase with heroin use in the Waukesha County community. Farrow reported of conversations with the Sheriff's department personnel, and realignment of resources within the Sheriff's department that have not been made public as of today. Drug and alcohol use is not only a criminal issue, but it's a societal issue. Many groups and different sectors in the community will need to collaborate to find resolutions and new resources to address the need.

Farrow spoke about an upcoming cabinet member retreat in May 2016 and how this will be the number one topic on the agenda. What as a county do we need to do to lead the way in community and county resources and come together to solve the issue? Farrow complimented the leadership of the Health and Human Services Department.

Farrow spoke of a task force meeting with Senator Johnson noting a conversion he had with a parent whose son suffers from addiction. With the spearheading of the Evidenced Based Decision Making studies by Judge Dorow and CJCC Coordinator Luczaj, it is hoped that we can provide people with effective outcomes that justify additional resources.

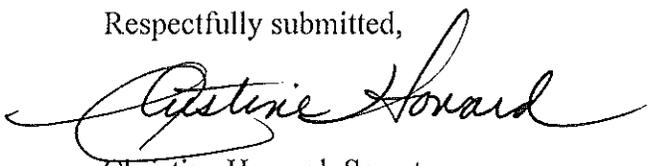
County Executive Farrow thanked the Board members for their input and will take under advisement.

Paulson will be composing a letter to County Executive Farrow and include all items proposed from the various advisory committees with high emphasis on resources for the drug court for 2016, ensuring the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court program continues at an optimum level for both calendar years 2016 and 2017.

Adjourn

MOTION: Lodes moved, second by O'Brien to adjourn the Board at 12:41 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Howard, Secretary
Health and Human Services Board