

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Vice Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson, Bill Zaborowski, Jeremy Walz, Janel Brandtjen, Tom Schellinger, Christine Howard (arrived at 8:31 a.m.). **Absent:** Gilbert Yerke.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Programs & Projects Analyst Windy Jicha, Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Antwayne Robertson, Intake & Support Services Manager Kathy Mullooly, Children & Family Services Manager Lisa Roberts, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, HHS Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Senior Financial Analyst Cynthia Lily, Mental Health Center Administrator Jeffry Lewis, Economic Support Coordinator Debbie Berg, Human Services Supervisor Fred Garcia, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Trimborn.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, Schellinger second, to approve the minutes of September 10. Motion carried 5-0.

Howard arrived at 8:31 a.m.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of September 14, 28 & October 5

Spaeth highlighted the following items from the last three Executive Committee meetings.

- Reviewed capital projects and the county board budget
- Approved the following 2016 budgets: non-departmental, library and UW-Extension
- Assigned values to foreclosed properties
- Update on Wisconsin Counties Association Conference

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

- October 9 and 15 (Brandtjen and Schellinger are unable to attend this meeting)

Legislative Update

Spaeth reviewed bills she is working on which are related to library board membership and shoreland zoning. She expects to soon be working on bills related to child abuse and neglect.

Overview of the 2016 Operating Budget for the Department of Health & Human Services

Robertson provided an overview of the 2016 HHS department operating budget. Total all funds, revenues total \$49,159,196 – an increase of \$1,159,545 or 2.4% from the adopted 2015 budget. The county tax levy totals \$25,760,161 – an increase of \$43,721 or 0.2%. Expenditures total \$75,391,328 – an increase of \$1,203,266 or 1.6%.

In response to Schellinger's question, Robertson explained how the department develops the budget with limited funding.

Discuss and Consider 2016 Operating Budgets for the Following Divisions in the Department of Health & Human Services

Intake and Support Services

Mullooly presented the intake and support services division budget highlighting major changes.

In response to Brandtjen's question, Mullooly said the additional 4.43 positions in this budget are being transferred from the child and family division. In response to Howard's question, Mullooly said there has been an increase in kinship and foster care needs. It is best to keep the child in the family system whenever possible. In response to Brandtjen's question, Mullooly explained factors which could account for the increase in the child abuse/neglect reports. In response to Paulson's question, Mullooly said program activity forecasts are based on five-year trends. Per Zaborowski's request, Mullooly explained how volunteer transportation is used and volunteers are monitored.

Berg presented the economic service administration and support program budget.

In response to Schellinger's questions, Berg said there has been a downward trend in the Food Share Program since a work requirement was added. Berg said she expects local food pantries have seen an increase in customers. In response to Paulson's question, Berg explained how process changes have affected traffic at the Workforce Development Center. In response to Paulson's question, Berg explained how the division uses lean principles to increase efficiencies. In response to Schellinger's question, Berg described how Waukesha County's caseload compares to other counties.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, Howard second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for intake and support services division. Motion carried 5-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Children and Family Services

Roberts presented the children and family services division budget.

In response to Paulson's question, Roberts explained how changes in state aids for foster care could affect the division. In response to Brandtjen's question, Robertson explained how efforts are being made to increase the use of trauma informed care. Roberts said the division uses a family-centered approach. In response to Brandtjen's question, Kleber said evidence based decision making is used throughout the department. In response to Paulson's question, Roberts explained how community support can be used to help youth in residential care and help keep costs down. In response to Paulson's question, Roberts explained how state mandates help the division provide exceptional services but increase the workload and caseload complexity. Howard recommended the division reach out to financial institutions to get help with credit and financial literacy programs.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, Howard second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for children and family services division. Motion carried 5-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Adolescent and Family Services

Slesar and Garcia presented the adolescent and family services division budget.

In response to Paulson's question, Slesar said reports could be run that show the unduplicated number of youth served by juvenile services. In response to Zaborowski's question, Slesar explained it has been determined that youth who remain out of the courts system have an increased likelihood of success than those who enter into the courts system. In response to Paulson's question, Slesar said there is a chance to recoup some costs for the juvenile detention facility for the Slender Man case from

the parents. The state will not provide any funding. In response to Paulson's question, Slesar said the division is always looking for efficiencies and cost saving measures.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, Schellinger second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for adolescent and family services division. Motion carried 5-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Public Health

Healy-Haney and Jones presented the public health division budget.

In response to Brandtjen's questions, Healy-Haney said reductions in travel clinic use are mostly likely reflective of the reduced global traffic after the Ebola outbreak. Healy-Haney also explained who goes to public health to receive immunizations. In response to Paulson and Spaeth's questions, Jones said the division has rearranged staff and services and explained how that affects the budget.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, Howard second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the public health division. Motion carried 5-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

MOTION: Walz moved, Schellinger second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary