

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Chair Vitale called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Citizen Members Joe Vitale (Chair), Lori Cronin, Sarah Justin, Mary Lodes, Mike O'Brien, and Tim Whitmore. Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, Christine Howard (arrived at 10:45), Duane Paulson, and Bill Zaborowski. **Excused Absence:** Citizen Members Dr. Steven Kulick.

Also Present: Health and Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, and Health and Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber.

Approve Minutes of 1-15-15

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Justin to approve the minutes of January 15. Motion carried 9-0.

Approve Minutes of 3-19-15

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the minutes of March 19. Motion carried 9-0.

Approve Minutes of 3-20-15

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the minutes of March 20. Motion carried 9-0.

Correspondence

None.

Advisory Committee Reports

Justin reported on the AODA Advisory Committee April meeting. A presenter, Dr. Westlake, reported on changes that the State of Wisconsin Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Taskforce is pursuing an administrative mandate for anyone who prescribes pain medication to be apart of the Prescription Drug Management system in Wisconsin. The federal government is working on amending the laws so individuals with chronic pain will not be prescribed large quantities of opiate prescription medication. Another legislative change in the works pertains to military and or veteran administration (VA) physicians not licensed in state of Wisconsin to abide by the Wisconsin laws.

Cronin reported the 140 Review was well received. Dr. Healy-Haney and Ben Jones assembled an outstanding package and thanked all who supported the process.

The next Joint Conference Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2015 to approve doctor privileges at the Mental Health Center.

Future Agenda Items

1. Meeting and tour at Friendships Unlimited, or just tour Friendships after a scheduled meeting. (Vitale)
2. Update on Public Health Accreditation (Cronin)

Review Public Hearing Input and Written Input to Department

Robertson reported on the annual public hearing held April 2, 2015. A total of twenty-six people were in attendance, twelve speakers, twenty-seven letters received by email, mail, or were submitted after the hearing. Spring City Clubhouse, The Women's Center, and Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) did an outstanding job articulating their challenges and appreciation. Robertson sought feedback from the group and noted it was nice to have the public hearing in the Health and Human Services Public Health suite. Future recommendations include to set a time limit for the speakers. Brandtjen voiced her concern about the number of people present at the hearing. Over the years it has been less and less. Robertson shared the department is examining strategies to increase attendance for the future. The flyer was posted in local and area newspapers, non profit agencies, through various advisory and board committee meetings, the county's website, and to consumers. Vitale questioned one letter where the consumer was upset with a staff member, and was it addressed. Robertson commented the department is very responsive to reported concerns, and provide the complainant an opportunity to speak directly with the department and share their experience.

Review Advisory Committee Recommendation Work Pages

The group reviewed the handout of advisory committee recommendations. They include:

1. Child and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) -- \$500,000. CAFSAC is the largest representation of non-profit agencies in Waukesha County. A listing of agencies that fall under CAFSAC was shared. A few agencies under CAFSAC have more than one contract with Waukesha County. Robertson noted that as Division Managers create the 2016 budget, flexibility to offer a 0-3% increase for providers is critical. Robertson noted that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) provides assistance and technical support to the committee as well as working with the schools, but there is no funding or contract with the DPI. Removed \$50,000 figure. Recommend managers to work out appropriate 0-3% increase with providers.
2. Public Health – Request for \$30,000 is to apply for the Federal Accreditation (CDC) by 2020. If agencies are not accredited, it is implied that eligibility for specific grants and funding sources will be impacted. This is a two year planning process and will be budgeted in 2016. The Public Health Division is also exploring becoming a Level III agency. Lodes stated that Waukesha County's Public Health is an amazing division. Lodes endorsed Public Health to explore and pursue becoming a Level II status at cost neutral. Recommend \$30,000 for application fee cost.
3. AODA– Vitale questioned the monetary impact on item 4, page 2. Robertson explained that if Waukesha County increases its residential facilities contract by 2% we are looking at a \$1 million increase. In past years we were able to give a 2% increase to residential facilities in order to maintain the cost to continue. Recommend \$50,000 for a drug counselor.

Justin mentioned what can we do about a place for the individuals who need opiate detox support? Kleber said the recommendation is to explore the establishment of a detox facility in Waukesha County after 3-6 months of data collection to monitor, screen, and track the need before setting a dollar value to this item. Vitale asked if a dollar value needs to be added to sustain the Heroin Coalition Task Force: Kleber noted that a request for approval of \$10,000 was received from the Department of Administration (DOA) to contract with facilitator Dorothy Chaney to assist the task force and each pillar charter.

Another priority is the continuation of the CJCC Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs noted by O'Brien. There is no proposed increase in state funding, and the needs have increased. Robertson noted that for Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC) Waukesha County is covered through end of 2016. Tax levy of \$125,000 in the 2015 budget, and will continue to apply for CSAT grants. ATC is currently at 40-45 cases with a capacity of 75 individuals. Over 9 years, 335 individuals graduated from ATC which is \$77.00 per jail day saved. For Drug Treatment Court (DTC), Waukesha County is applying for \$200,000, a 2 year federal grant from 10-1-2015 to 9-30-2017. One federal grant is due to end 6-15-15, and the state TAD grant is due to end 12-31-16. DTC is at capacity with 50 cases, and wait list of 10 individuals. Paulson commented that there is a push to add \$50,000 for drug courts to eliminate the 10 individuals on the wait list. After further discussion, \$50,000 was recommended by members of the Board. A future agenda item, suggested by Robertson, is to have Luczaj and Sternweis present on the details and associated costs for Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) to acquire an additional case manager position.

4. Joint Recommendations from AODA and Mental Health Advisory Committee – No specific dollar amount was specified, just a cost to continue funding.
5. Mental Health Advisory Committee – Brandtjen explained CIT training and how it relates to Mental Health. CIT training is for police officers. “It teaches them to tell if an individual is inebriated or on drugs vs. an individual with a mental health issue, and allows the officers to make better decisions. This is a forty hour week class”. Lodes questioned whether nationally if there is a federal or state mandate making CIT training a priority for police departments, and why should Waukesha County subsidize when it should be a priority for law enforcement departments. Paulson stated the funding is from grants. The use of narcan is incorporated in the CIT training. The cost is increasing and is fundamental to savings lives. Recommend \$51,000 for mental health and CIT training.

Expand employment opportunities for Peer Specialists -- \$27,000. Justin stated peer specialists help a number of people each day. By helping 1 person for 1 day can save approximately \$1,400. Peer Specialists are well trained, have walked the walk, and have experienced what individuals with a mental health illness experience. Individuals they touch report having a more open, comfortable, and sharing discussion with a Peer Specialist. A peer specialist role is similar to that of an individual with NAMI. Recommend .5 fte at \$27,000.

A question about \$1,800,000 recommended increase to cover cost of living adjustment and cost of imposed documentation standards of CCS, and CRS was discussed. Robertson shared a report of residential facilities supported by tax levy. He noted that the expenses are offset by the revenue that is generated from each of these programs. No

dollar figure was noted. A question of how many CBRF's are in Waukesha County. Kleber said that number would not be all of the CBRF's, it would only be those that accept the programs that are listed. Requirements for those programs have increased the documentation requirements for providers, which is a huge change.

Howard questioned what monies are being put toward early prevention instead of reacting to the above examples. Vitale commented that the bulk of what the HHS Managers do is prevention and shared an example with the group. Robertson commented during each budget cycle, the department reviews all contracts, trends, and ways to work smarter within the department's budget to maximize revenue, including personnel positions. A prevention example shared is the Trauma Informed Care initiative as the department collaborates with Safe Babies Healthy Families on drug affected infants.

Prioritize and Create Communications to County Executive

In no specific order, and with information discussed to date, the health and human services board recommendations include:

1. Child and Family Service providers/agencies of Waukesha County: Recommend 0-3% increase.
2. Mental Health: Recommend \$51,000 for mental health and CIT training.
3. Public Health: Recommend \$30,000 for federal accreditation application fee.
4. Peer Specialist: Recommend \$27,000 for .5 fte.
5. AODA: Recommend \$50,000 for a drug counselor.

Chair Vitale expressed his respect and thanks to County Executive Vrakas for the opportunity to chair the HHS Board, his pleasure in working with each member of the Health and Human Services Board, and to the department's management team in addressing and prioritizing the needs within Waukesha County. Supervisor Paulson, the newly appointed Chairperson, thanked Chair Vitale for his years of service and participation on the Health and Human Services Board and various advisory committees. The Board members thanked Vitale.

MOTION: Justin moved, second by Lodes to adjourn the Board at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried 10-0.

Recorded by Linda Johnson.

Approved on 7-15-15
Date