

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Chair Vitale called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: County Executive Paul Farrow, Public Information Officer Julianne Davan, Health and Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, and Health and Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber.

Luncheon

A warm welcome was extended to County Executive Paul Farrow and introductions were exchanged.

Presentation to County Executive: 2016 Budget Recommendations

Vitale stated, the main focus of today's meeting is to get to know County Executive/Senator Farrow and to submit budget recommendations from the Health and Human Services Board. Farrow provided some personal background about himself and family involvement in the community.

Brandtjen asked the question about time spent on the topic of health services at the state level. Farrow responded by saying he and Senator Vukmir have a team partnership when it comes to health services in the health care industry. Farrow stated that Vukmir has a nurse practitioner background and is a strong advocate in assuring what needs to be accomplished. On Tuesday, April 21, 2015 Vukmir held a caucus meeting to discuss Family Care, IRIS and other issues on the governor's budget. Farrow noted this is a learning curve for him and he is here to learn more so the programs can continue to move forward.

Paulson voiced a shared concern about the Waukesha County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) provision in the budget. He recommended that Farrow look at the Waukesha ADRC model as it is unique with some similar concepts around the state. He also stated that the Waukesha ADRC folks do a fantastic job as they are contacted from individuals around the state to see the Waukesha model. Farrow commented on how the rural communities have a totally different type of impact and allow for that flexibility. The ADRC provision was a main topic discussed at the caucus meeting.

Share Advisory Committee Input with County Executive

Vitale presented to Farrow the HHS Board members' discussion of budget recommendations compiled from information received from the annual public hearing and the various advisory committee needs recommendations. In no specific order, recommendations include:

1. Child and Family Service providers/agencies of Waukesha County: Recommend 0-3% increase at discretion of Health and Human Service Management.
2. Mental Health: Recommend \$51,000 for mental health and CIT training. Crisis Intervention Training provides law enforcement officers a broader understanding of mental health situations and narcan training. Menomonee Falls is the only municipality in Waukesha County that has all of its officers trained.
3. Public Health: Recommend \$30,000 for federal accreditation application fee.
4. Peer Specialist: Recommend \$27,000 for .5 FTE. A peer specialist is a person who has not only lived the experience of mental illness but also has had formal training in the peer specialist model of mental health supports. Peer Specialists are employed with various mental health services and have various roles. They promote recovery by initiating and mediating discussions of recovery, healthy social skills, and are available to members who need assistance.
5. AODA: Recommend \$50,000 for a drug counselor. To continue grant funding for drug and alcohol court. Alcohol court is funded through 2016 and drug court through September 2017. Waukesha County has created the Heroin and Other Illicit Drug Task Force to address the crisis with heroin and opiates. The task force meeting facilitator is Dorothy Chaney and the approach is based on the State AODA five pillar study.

Discuss Budget Picture and Process with County Executive

Farrow provided an example of how, twenty-three years ago, the Pewaukee School system did not have support groups for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. When it comes to the issue of mental health, even the school administration recommended more involvement is needed in our schools to promote proactive involvement. Waukesha County needs to look at new and creative ways. Farrow noted that he will look at ways to form unique collaborations working across different sectors.

Farrow stated that Shawn Lundie will continue in his role of Chief of Staff, and they will take into consideration the information presented today. Waukesha County has a lot of resources, and opportunities to be proactive. Paulson recommended Farrow go and see the Drug Court program. Senator Farrow will continue his role with the state level budget. The state has been working on the budget since February. Farrow stated his commitment to Waukesha County is to operate the county as efficiently as it has been, and bring new energy and ideas to move forward.

MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by Cronin to adjourn the Board at 12:47 p.m. Motion carried 10-0.

Recorded by Linda Johnson.

Approved on 7-15-15
Date