

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee**

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

Chairs Yerke and Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Gilbert Yerke, Duane Paulson, Jeremy Walz, Tom Schellinger, Bill Zaborowski, and Christine Howard. **Absent:** Janel Brandtjen.

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

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Antwayne Robertson, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Public Health Officer and Epidemiologist Ben Jones, Adolescent & Family Services Division Manager Peter Slesar, Juvenile Center Coordinator Mike Sturdevant, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Trimborn, County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson, HHS Social Worker/Liaison to the Department of Corrections Donna Bennett, Information Services Coordinator Sandra Masker, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, and County Board Candidates Chuck Wood, Darlene Johnson, and Heather Townsend. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Yerke said the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Board met yesterday. It is estimated that funding will total about the same as last year and hopefully contracts will be released soon.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)**

- March 10

#### **Executive Committee Report of 1-18-16**

Yerke said the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, heard audit presentations on Purchasing Division operations and Health & Human Services mental health services billing.

#### **State Legislative Update**

Spaeth discussed human services related bills currently being considered at the State level pertaining to dementia and Alzheimer's disease, opiate abuse, and mental health services.

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Justin said the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Advisory Committee heard presentations by Birth to Three staff on the increasing number of drug affected infants and by Lutheran Social Services on their pursuit for a new residential facility (halfway house) for men and women.

Zaborowski advised the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee heard a presentation, by a State employee who is a hard of hearing specialist, on State services and programs for the deaf and hard of hearing community.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Presentation on State Services and Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community (Zaborowski)

### **Update on Public Health 140 Recertification (Combined)**

Jones indicated the Waukesha County Public Health Division was officially recertified as a Level II health department. At Lodes' request, Jones explained the required criteria for Levels I, II, and III. Jones noted the State is currently reassessing, and could revise, Administrative Rule 140 which outlines the criteria for each level. Robertson said staff are interested in exploring this as long as there are no negative fiscal impacts. He added the department is busy preparing for the 2020 National accreditation which will be very time consuming as well. Answering Yerke's question, Jones said the recertification is good for five years.

### **Report on Public Health Full Scale Preparedness Exercise (Combined)**

Jones advised on June 14 the County's Health & Human Services, Emergency Preparedness, and Sheriff's departments will participate in a bio-watch activation exercise. The CDC requires counties to perform full-scale exercises once every five years to test their ability to respond to an emergency. The CDC, FEMA, U.S. Marshall's office, local hospitals, etc. will all be involved and the entire southeast Wisconsin area will participate in this exercise. Answering Whitmore's question, Jones said the exercise will be on anthrax and will include simulating mass clinics and antibiotic dispensing. Jones noted they are currently recruiting members of the community to walk through as the public.

### **Report on First 6 Months of Lad Lake Shelter Care Services (Combined)**

Sturdevant and Slesar were present to discuss this item. Sturdevant said there were 175 placements from July 1 to December 31, 2015 which compares to 164 for this same time period in 2014. He noted 95 different juveniles were placed in 2015 compared to 109 in 2014. He noted there were less kids in 2015 but they stayed longer. Slesar said in 2015 the average length of stay was 4.9 days compared to 4.5 days in 2014. From October 29 to December 31, 2015, 25% of shelter care kids were attending school off grounds. There were 13 shelter care runaways compared with 6 in 2014. Of those 13, nine occurred in a 10-day spree involving four females. Per contract, shelter care staff continues to transport residents to court hearings and schools.

Sturdevant said one difficulty has been the new facility itself for the most challenging of residents. Answering Whitmore's question, Sturdevant said there has been some minor damage to the Lad Lake facility. The Lad Lake facility is carpeted and has drywall. While it is less traumatic than the former shelter care at the County's juvenile center which was more of an institutional setting made of cinderblock, the Lad Lake facility can be prone to damage. Sturdevant noted there is a quieter "sensory room" where kids can go. Also, Slesar said it is difficult to separate the more challenging residents from the others. However, County caseworkers are working diligently with Lad Lake staff on how to best handle those with behavioral issues. Justin referred to the nine runaways and reports of residents being fearful. Has security at the facility been tightened? Slesar said the key is a behavioral assessment done at intake. If staff believe a juvenile could be a danger to the community, they are not allowed at shelter care. Shelter care is a non-secure facility and while staff make efforts to convince a juvenile to stay, they cannot be forced.

Nelson asked if there is an educational component for those kids not going to school. He noted two teachers taught at the former shelter care. Sturdevant said those not enrolled are provided educational materials by Lad Lake staff until they are enrolled in a district but there are no certified teachers at Lad Lake. Paulson said he was under the impression teachers would be at Lad Lake. Slesar noted the contract did not include any educational programming but they are pursuing this issue. Paulson hoped this would be done soon.

**Update on Short Term Detention Renewal Ordinance (Combined)**

Slesar said the Code authorizes social workers to place juveniles in secure detention for up to 72 hours if they have been found delinquent. The County Board authorizes approval of the 72-hour detention every two years. Slesar said since 2004, they have used this option an average of six times per year including five times in 2015. This provision is used very infrequently and criteria has been established as to when it can be used. Slesar said an ordinance reauthorizing this provision will be forthcoming sometime before June.

**Update on Lincoln Hills (Combined)**

Bennett indicated there is currently one Waukesha County youth at Lincoln Hills who will be released in five days. He has been interviewed by various individuals as part of the ongoing investigation and County staff feels confident he has not been victimized by any of the Lincoln Hills staff. Bennett said the State has put in place additional training and communication components. She met with the new superintendent on Monday and feels confident in the event more Waukesha County youths are sent to Lincoln Hills. Bennett noted Lincoln Hills staff are now wearing body cameras.

**Update on Health and Human Services Netsmart Project (Combined)**

Masker explained history and functionality of the Netsmart project. Public Health's Insight module went live on February 1 with their electronic health records. Other modules will be going live, however, dates are unknown due to continuing issues with Netsmart. Netsmart will be meeting with the State soon to discuss problems with the statewide reporting component. Yerke asked are we still within budget and is there any duplication of workload. Robertson said they are working very closely with Administration, Purchasing, and Information Technology staff to discuss strategies and make sure there are minimal impacts. The County is always negotiating with Netsmart to make sure this is cost neutral. Answering Paulson's question, Masker advised the project is behind schedule by about one year.

Walz left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Howard to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Lodes moved, second by Whitmore to adjourn the board meeting at 2:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Howard, Secretary  
Health and Human Services Board