

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

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 11:02 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:** 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.

### **Approve Minutes of 3-24-16**

**MOTION:** Zaborowski moved, second by Whitmore to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Review Public Hearing Input and Written Input to Department**

Robertson reported on the annual public hearing held April 7, 2015. A total of fifty-one people were in attendance, fifteen speakers, thirty letters received by email, mail, or were submitted after the hearing. Notable items heard were on the affordable care act and access to health care.

While a number of letters and public testimony supporting increased resources for both Drug and Alcohol Treatment courts were heard at the event, Paulson touched on a dramatic letter received from a Waukesha County resident emphasizing the need to fund more people on the drug court to reduce wait lists. Board members noted the Drug and Alcohol Court programs have been primarily funded by grants that will be expiring. O'Brien called to members' attention a testimony from Sarah Carpenter, located within the public hearing packet, stating the Alcohol Treatment Court is ten years old and over the years saved 45,000 jail days. The recidivism/success rate of the graduates who have not reoffended with another OWI is 92%. The Drug Treatment Court has been in existence 2009. Howard spoke of having community conversations with organizations to support additional tax levy funding for both the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Courts and to address solutions so that it's not a heavy burden for Waukesha County. Zaborowski noted that law enforcement officials should be included as part of this community effort. Robertson reported that the Health and Human Services Clinical Division and Veterans' office have been working with the Jail Administrator and personnel to come up with a protocol in addressing when a person will be a discharged and a discharge plan to connect individuals to services as quickly as possible. Additionally, the Evidenced Based Decision Making Model (EBDM) team is looking at ways to improve the discharge plan process/area.

### **Review Advisory Committee Recommendation Work Pages**

Robertson noted in order to streamline the discussion and process today, a summary of the Advisory Committee's identified unmet need, associated costs, and pertinent notes are compiled on the handout. They include:

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee and Mental Health Advisory Committee:

1. Continue Block Grant Funding that includes a 2% cost of living increase to maintain funding for existing programs.
2. Access to Services - .5 FTE Psychiatrist that specializes in addiction for those with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders.
3. Increase funding for contract providers.
4. Independent Living Specialist to support clients in the Community Support and Comprehensive Services Programs.
5. Expand training opportunities to increase the cadre of Certified Peer Specialist.
6. Provide funding for a Peer Run Respite Center for those in psychiatric crisis.

Children and Family Services Advisory Committee:

1. Six percent increase to DHHS budget for contract providers.
2. The 6% increase will provide Division Managers the discretion to enhance or sustain current contracted services or create new initiatives based on community needs.

Public Health Advisory Committee:

1. Continue funding for the Public Health Division to maintain its Level II status.
2. Assess Public Health Division's staffing needs.
3. Continue support to pursue the 2020 Public Health National Accreditation.

Aging & Disability Recourse Center Advisory Committee:

1. Continue support to address Waukesha County's Transportation System to progress seamless access county-wide including cross county lines for Waukesha residents.
2. Continue funding for caregivers who are caring for their dependents.
3. Continue support to respond operationally to the increase in "Adult-At-Risk" referrals concerning alleged abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation.
4. Continue funding and support for the growing population of those diagnosed with Dementia.

The HHS Board had a brief discussion of each identified unmet need as presented.

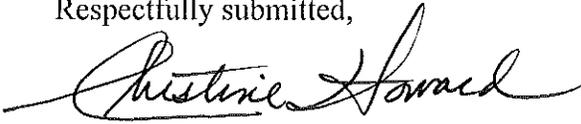
**Prioritize and Create Communications to County Executive**

On behalf of all discussions by members of the HHS Board and staff, Paulson noted the number one priority is decrease the 2016 Drug Treatment Court wait lists. To ensure the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court programs continue at an optimum level for both calendar years 2016 and 2017, the Board recommends increased resources for both courts. All other unmet needs, which are of priority, will be dovetailed into the programs and services provided by the Health and Human Services Department.

MOTION: Howard made a motion, second by O'Brien to approve the number one priority. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Whitmore moved, second by Howard to adjourn the Board at 12:02 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Howard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Christine Howard, Secretary  
Health and Human Services Board