

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Chair Yerke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Public Health Manager Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, Epidemiologist/County Health Officer Ben Jones, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Accounting Services Manager Cynthia Lilley, County Board Candidate Darlene Johnson, and Senior Financial Analyst Mark Yatchak. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of January 14 & February 11

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Howard to approve the minutes of January 14 and February 11. Motion carried 6-0.

Review Correspondence

- Health & Human Services Board's public hearing agenda of April 7.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of February 15 & March 14

Yerke highlighted the following items discussed at the last two Executive Committee meetings.

- Approved appointments and ordinances (including new management guidelines for the Tarmann Fund) which have since been approved by the County Board.
- Heard reports on the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and the Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative Exchange Conference.
- Approved the 2016-2018 Internal Audit Plan.
- Reviewed the new format for Information Technology updates.

Advisory Committee Reports

Howard advised the Aging & Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Board discussed the senior dining centers and ensuring individuals have access and information.

Regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Board, Yerke said the grant award was slightly lower than last year. However, instead of revising contracts, reserve funds were used to cover the loss.

Announcements

Howard commended Yerke for his time on the County Board and as chair of this committee. Yerke thanked the committee for their work and indicated he will remain on the CDBG Board.

Next Meeting Date

- May 12

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said talks are resuming on potential changes to ADRC boards and services, including Family Care and IRIS, which she will continue to monitor and provide updates.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Paulson to approve mileage for any committee members attending the Health & Human Services Board's public hearing of April 7. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Define Health & Human Services acronyms for new committee members (Yerke)
- Review Health & Human Services budget for new committee members (Yerke)
- Review Family Care contracts (Yerke)

Motion to Allow Secretary Brandtjen to Approve the Final Set(s) of Committee Minutes on Behalf of the Committee

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Howard to allow Secretary Brandtjen to approve the final set(s) of committee minutes on behalf of the committee but after review by Chair Yerke. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-112: Reauthorize The Use Of The Secure And Non-Secure Detention Facilities For Short Term Detention

Slesar discussed this ordinance which reauthorizes the Juvenile Division to continue use of a 72-hour hold option to detain youth adjudged delinquent without the need for an additional court hearing. The 72-hour hold is limited to being used as a consequence of violating terms of a dispositional order. Slesar discussed protocols and checks and balances by social workers and the division manager which are used to determine when a youth will be subject to the hold.

Reauthorizing the 72-hour hold option includes a sunset provision which has been reauthorized for consecutive two-year periods through June 30, 2016. This ordinance reauthorizes the 72-hour hold option and continues the sunset provision for an additional 24 months to June 30, 2018. Slesar advised of an error in the fiscal note – 2016 should read 2018.

Slesar noted the 72-hour hold option was used 4 times for 12 days in 2014 and 5 times for 18 days in 2015 for Waukesha County youth in secure detention. Placements under the 72-hour hold will continue to be absorbed within the department's existing and future budget appropriations.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve Ordinance 170-O-112. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-113: Authorize Department Of Health And Human Services To Accept And Appropriate A Charitable Distribution From The Estate Of Anna Verena Fjermestad Revocable Living Trust And Amend The 2016 Budget

Lilley indicated this ordinance authorizes the Department to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Estate of Anna Verena Fjermestad Revocable Living Trust. The funds will be used to purchase contracted, certified peer specialist services to assist mentally disabled county clients in community settings through advocacy and peer support for one year. This ordinance has no direct impact on the 2016 tax levy. Howard commended the work done by our peer specialists.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Schellinger to approve Ordinance 170-O-113. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-114: Create One Regular Full-Time Position Of Veteran's Service Aide And Abolish One Regular Part-Time Position Of Veteran's Services Aide

Lilley advised this ordinance abolishes a regular part-time Veteran's Services Aide, 0.70 FTE, (salary range \$36,795 - \$48,568) and creates a regular full-time Veteran's Services Aide, 1.00 FTE, in the Veterans' Services Division. Assuming the new position is filled at the same salary level in 2016, the total cost of this position, with benefits, is estimated at \$65,700. The part-time Veteran's Services Aide position was budgeted at a cost estimate of \$33,400 in the 2016 budget resulting in additional personnel expenditures of \$32,300. The department will offset this increase with benefit selection and turnover savings associated with the new Veterans Services Officer, hired in early January, estimated at \$33,700 resulting in minimal tax levy impact. Moving forward for the 2017 budget, the department will have to build the additional costs within their budget base. Lilley said the change will strengthen division operations which she explained further.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Zaborowski to approve Ordinance 170-O-114. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Health Update

Answering Yerke's question, Healy-Haney praised the immunization clinic at the new Human Services building and she said they have received a lot of positive feedback from the community. The clinic is maintaining its level of service to children, about 2,000 annually for immunizations or health checks. There has been a big increase in adult immunizations since moving to the new building including a 77% increase in international travel immunizations. There has also been a 15% increase in clients for the sexually transmitted disease program. Public Health is partnering with the Children & Families, Economic Support, and Adolescent & Families divisions to provide urine drug screenings for a variety of clients. Public Health is also partnering with the Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic to provide dental screenings to pregnant women and children three days a week at the Public Health Clinic. Both new partnerships are doing very well. Healy-Haney noted there has been an increase in communicable diseases in the county, in particular, tuberculosis, which is also a national trend. There was also a serious drug resistance case and this individual is recovering, in part, due to diligent work by Public Health staff. Healy-Haney spoke highly of their new electronic records system.

Jones explained infectious diseases including Elizabethkingia and Zika. There are thirteen counties in southeastern and southern Wisconsin that have cases of Elizabethkingia – 56 confirmed cases, 2 under investigation, 4 possible cases. Of those 62 cases, there have been 18 deaths; a fairly high mortality rate. For Waukesha County, there are 14 confirmed cases and 1 suspected case and of those 15 cases, there have been 3 deaths. Officials have yet to identify a common source and local health departments have been asked to become more involved to determine where the bacteria are residing and how it continues to affect people. So far there are no cases of the Zika virus in Wisconsin. The type of mosquito known to transfer the virus is not found in Wisconsin but can be found as far north as mid-Illinois. Nationwide, there have been 273 travel associated cases although Zika can be sexually transferred. In Waukesha County, 36 individuals have been tested for the Zika virus whereby 17 tested negative and results are pending for 19.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Yerke to adjourn at 1:49 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary