

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee and Board Thursday, September 16, 2021

Chairs Dondlinger and Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Timothy Dondlinger, Jeremy Walz, Jim Batzko, Joel Gaughan, and Ted Wysocki. **Absent:** Kathleen Cummings and Steve Whittow

Board Members Present: Supervisors Larry Nelson, Christine Howard, and Duane Paulson, and Citizen Members Mary Baer, Christine Beck, and Mary Berg. Mike Goldstone arrived at 1:35 p.m. **Absent:** Vicki Dallmann-Papke and Robert Menefee Jr.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, County Board Chair Paul Decker, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Health & Human Services Director Liz Aldred, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Lisa Roberts, Public Health Officer/Public Health Division Manager Ben Jones, Clinical Therapist Felecia Behnke-Shaw, Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Accounting Services Manager Danielle Igielski, and Veterans Services Officer Tom Ludka.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of July 15

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Gaughan to approve the minutes of July 15. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Meeting Date

- October 7 (8:30 a.m. budget review)

Executive Committee Report of July 19, August 6, and September 13

Dondlinger said the Executive Committee, at the July 19 meeting, approved one ordinance and three appointments and defeated one ordinance. At the August 6 meeting they approved three ordinances and four appointments, denied Supervisor Peter Wolff's appeal to forward his resolution pertaining to Critical Race Theory to the full County Board, and discussed the redistricting timeline. On September 13, they heard a presentation by Land Information Systems staff on the new County Board district maps and then approved the supervisory district plan.

State Legislative Update

Ignatowski gave a brief update on state legislation and referred to his Friday email updates.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 8-19-21

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Howard to approve the minutes of August 19. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- October 21

Items For Discussion And Consideration

COVID Update (*Board and Committee*)

Jones said they saw a steady decline in COVID cases from January through June then the Delta variant took over and now accounts for most of the cases. Delta is two times more contagious than the last variant. They did see exponential increases in July and August with about 125 cases per day but case numbers have remained fairly stable since. While numbers are stable, they are shifting to a younger population. Jones gave vaccination statistics within the age groups and said about 5,000 people are getting vaccines each week but would like to see that number higher. Data will be submitted soon for vaccines for children as young as 6 months but they will become available for those age groups is unknown. Jones noted we have not seen a large increase in hospitalizations with Delta.

Review of Injection Drug Use Treatment and Injection Drug Use Prevention Grants (*Board and Committee*)

Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed which included information on overview and background, goals, and their mid-year report. Behnke-Shaw and Yauchler discussed the grant funds which are used for prevention and treatment programs aimed at individuals who inject substances.

Goldstone arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Capital Projects (*Committee*)

Setzer discussed the On Base System (content management software) and noted they will be able to start testing the process in a couple of weeks. Setzer explained the software and its functions. He indicated the contract for new software for Public Health called My Insight has been signed. A kickoff meeting with the vendor, Netsmart Technologies, will be held next week and implementation is scheduled to begin in October. The Care Management project will also be with Netsmart. This software is an electronic health record for community-based services. The scope of work has been developed and staff will meet with Netsmart next week. This module is needed to expand CPS services for children.

Veterans Report (*Board and Committee*)

Ludka discussed the report titled "Waukesha County Department of Veterans' Services Annual Report 2020" as outlined which included information on total state and federal benefits, Wisconsin's veteran's homes, Veterans Service Commission, and office activities and statistics.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Wysocki to accept the 2020 annual report of the Veterans Services Office (committee). Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Baer to accept the 2020 annual report of the Veterans Services Office (board). Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Wysocki to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:32 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Baer gave an update on the last Public Health Advisory Committee meeting and said they had a discussion on the severity of this year's flu. Baer said the Aging & Disabilities Resource Center Advisory Committee heard a presentation on a dementia behavior initiative and she will request that it be presented to this board as well. She also advised of new membership on both committees.

Revise Health & Human Services Board bylaws and update to pilot virtual meetings (*Board*)

Aldred discussed a proposed amendment to the board's bylaws and that the following sentence be added to the end of the current Article XII A of the Waukesha County Health & Human Services Board Bylaws: "Members approved in advance by the HHS Board Chair to appear by remote means and who fully comply with the HHS Board's remote appearance guidelines shall be considered present for quorum and attendance purposes and shall be entitled to vote." This will be a 3-month pilot program.

Paulson said he was against suspending the rules and would vote no. Aldred said another option would be to adopt a temporary rule which would be in effect for the October meeting at which time they would vote on officially revising the bylaws. This issue was discussed at length.

MOTION: Berg moved, second by Howard to adopt the temporary rule under Article XII A of the bylaws that will be in effect for the next Health & Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Baer moved, second by Paulson to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Nelson

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