

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee and Health & Human Services Board Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff, Jennifer Grant, Johnny Koremenos, Tom Schellinger, Jeremy Walz and Matthew Weil. Supervisor Larry Bangs arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: County Board Supervisors Larry Nelson, Christine Howard, Joel Gaughan and community members Dr. Mike Goldstone, Robert Menefee, Jr., Christine Beck. **Absent:** Mary Baer, Mary Berg and Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Director of Health and Human Services Liz Aldred, Deputy Director of Health & Human Services Lisa Roberts, MHC Administrator Andrew Grzybowski, Outpatient Services Administrator Danielle Birdeau, Assistant Veterans' Service Officer Justin Roloff, Accounting Services Coordinator Kristen Tranel, Human Services Supervisor Maryam Faterioun and Departmental Executive Assistant Mary Kay Reinbold

Annual Report of the Veterans Services Division

Roloff and Aldred presented on the Waukesha County Veterans Services 2023 Annual report. Highlights covered in the report include 2022 finances, veteran demographics identified by period of service and specifically Waukesha County veterans. The report also included statistics on the increasing average monthly contacts in 2022/2023, burial records project, and the assistance provided to those veterans that qualify for services under the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT). Finally, the presentation highlighted technological advances to improve customer service and outreach and community partnerships that are helping to expand their reach within the community.

MOTION By HHS Board: Menefee moved, second by Howard to accept the Waukesha County Veterans Services 2023 Annual Report. Motion carried 6-0

Mental Health Center Suicide Prevention Update

Grzybowski and Aldred gave an update on the safety and suicide prevention measures in place at the Mental Health Center. On November 27, they will begin using ObservSMART technology, which is a compliance system utilizing Bluetooth technology to ensure patient observations occur on time, are documented and are done in close proximity to the patient. With ObservSMART, staff complete required safety rounds utilizing tablets that sync with tamper-resistant patient wearables. Other enhancements to the physical environment include crisis prevention intervention training for all staff and security, restraint chair, ligature proof blanket, safety furniture and break away doors, ligature proof sinks, toilets, ceilings, etc.

Embedded Mental Health Professional Program Update

Birdeau, Aldred and Faterioun gave a PowerPoint presentation on their handout titled HHS Crisis & Law Enforcement Collaboration: Embedded Positions. Highlights of the presentation included the makeup of the crisis team, a timeline of the creation of the program, various statistics showing the success of the program, information on partnerships with law enforcement.

Beck left at 2:28 p.m.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-072 Establish and Approve The Department of Health & Human Services 2023 Fees For The Regional Crisis Stabilization Facility

Aldred and Tranel presented that this ordinance establishes and approves the 2023 fees for the Waukesha County Health & Human Services Regional Crisis Stabilization Facility provided under DHS 34 Emergency Mental Health Service Programs and in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code Section DHS 1.03(2). The newly created HHS Regional Crisis Stabilization Facility is anticipated to open for business in December 2023 and requires a daily bed rate fee not contemplated in enrolled ordinance 177-O-093, which set the usual and customary fees for 2023.

MOTION by HHS Committee: Walz moved, second by Koremenos to approve Ordinance 178-O-072. Motion carried 7-0

HHS Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of October 19

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of October 19. Motion carried 7-0

Next Meeting Date

December 7

Executive Committee Report of October 23

Wolff reported that this was a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and they approved three operating budgets, two ordinances, two RFPs, five appointments and adopted the 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Projects Plan.

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that both houses wrapped up election bills. A few HHS bills continued to progress.

MOTION by HHS Committee: Walz moved, second by Weil to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew E. Weil
Secretary – Health & Human Services Committee