

Minutes of the Health and Human Services Board

Thursday, April 19, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Chuck Wood, Christine Howard, citizen members Vicki Dallmann-Papke, Jeffrey Genner, Michael O'Brien, and Tim Whitmore. **Absent:** Mary Lodes, Dr. Steven Kulick

Also present: Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow, Health and Human Services Director Antwayne Robertson, Health and Human Services Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Health and Human Services Accounting Services Coordinator Will Emslie, Health and Human Services Communications Coordinator Linda Wickstrom. Recorded by Julie Bartelt, Health and Human Services Departmental Secretary.

Presentation of 2019 Budget Recommendations to County Executive

Wood opened with discussion about the opioid epidemic, which touches on many service aspects. He thanked the County Executive for all that his office is doing to address this issue.

Each item on the identified needs grid at the 11:00 a.m. meeting was presented to the County Executive, including mobile needle exchange, substance use treatment and prevention programs for the elderly, continued support of the 'just in time' scheduling of AODA and mental health services, continue an array of medication assisted treatment of substance use and psychiatric disorders, ongoing growth of Peer Support Specialists, 2% cost of living increase for contracted mental health services contractors, funding to develop quality crisis stabilization services, funding for one FTE housing system navigator to assist individuals with limited income to secure housing in Waukesha County, funding for one FTE permanent position for the Mobile Crisis Team, develop initiatives to meet the needs of the LGBTQIA community who are affected by a mental health condition, unfunded mandates of children's lead screening follow-up and urine drug screenings for HHS clients, increase staffing levels to meet service needs due to the opioid epidemic, the aging population, and the increase of communicable diseases, fund a new position to implement a HHS data analytics system required for grant writing, across the board funding increase for Child and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) service providers due to continued increases in complexity of residents' needs, increased funding for transportation costs for aging/disabled population in the area of medical access, nutrition access, and personal/social outings, and finally, increase in funding for in-home services such as bathing and homemaking for the aging/disabled population.

Farrow gave credit to the Human Services Department for recently hosting the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department to talk about how Waukesha County is addressing the national opioid crisis. The Deputy Secretary will take back Waukesha County's best practices, and this conversation will continue. There are a number of initiatives occurring – Waukesha County is doing good things with limited funding.

Looking at transportation, Farrow stated there is an entity called Find a Ride Network (FARN), which is the lead on a “one-call-one click” model for coordinating transportation requests for the elderly and disabled. Waukesha County would like to see engagement with the current providers of transportation. If the population stands as is, in the next ten years, 92% of growth is in the age over 64. With the Foxconn effect, population numbers considered over the next ten years, show an increase in population of 100,000+ in the area, and some of that will be in Waukesha County. Farrow talked about housing. The Housing Action Coalition (HAC) is doing a great job, but more is needed. Apartments are needed for people trying to get back on their feet, just starting out, or retirees downsizing. In June there will be a symposium on housing in Waukesha County looking at four stages. First – apartments. Second – homes 1200 to 1600 square feet for younger people starting out. Third – 2000 to 5000 square foot homes. Four – housing for empty nesters who are downsizing, e.g. single unit condos.

Farrow stated with regard to the two positions requested – one in Mobile Crisis and one in Data Analytics – his initial response is that is looking good. The economy is looking up.

Other initiatives happening are looking at school safety and the juvenile detention changes as the state is turning this responsibility over to counties.

A couple of municipalities are closing TIFS, resulting in new property coming into the levy fold equaling approximately \$200,000. Farrow stated his priorities are human services and public safety, but roads are needed in Public Works and keeping green spaces alive through Parks and Land Use, as well.

Farrow is also positive about the request for funds for Peer Support training.

Next Meeting Date

May 10, 2018 is a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee, at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Whitmore to adjourn the board meeting at 12:59 p.m.
Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully,

Christine Howard
Secretary