

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) Meeting
November 14, 2023

Present SUAC Committee: Addiction Resource Council (Lindsay Just, Chair), AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County (Tom Graves, Vice Chair), Bethany Christian Centers (Melissa Ramey), Department of Corrections (Karen Sharp), Lutheran Social Services (Tina Ettinger), WI Community Services (Jamie Soteropoulos)

Absent SUAC Committee: Rogers Memorial (Jim Hishmeh), WisHope (Peter Brunzelle)

Present HHS Board Liaison: Dr. Mike Goldstone

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Joe Kiel, Brea Lopez, Janelle McClain, Cindy Tomazevic, Becca Pearson

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ettinger moved, second by Graves, to approve the Substance Use Advisory Committees' minutes of October 17, 2023. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. 2024 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board

Attendees continued to discuss possible topics for the 2024 Community Prioritized Needs presentation. Possible topics include:

- Delta 8 Information/Education
- Spanish resources in the community
- Peer support
- Housing
- Urine screen adulterants
- Increasing medications in the jails

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

At the last meeting, the HHS Board listened to a presentation regarding the Administrative Services Division.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, and it will be a joint meeting with the HHS Committee.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Kettler reported that the Peer Recovery Coaching policy should be published in early 2024, but will take effect in April 2025.

While sharing residential substance use treatment trends, Kettler stated that in 2019, HHS helped with 6000 bed nights with transitional and inpatient services. In 2022, HHS helped with 4000 bed nights with residential services and 2000 bed nights in recovery housing.

There was a hearing last week on a bill requiring Naloxone to be in schools. The bill passed the Assembly, but was amended before going to the Senate. Now, instead of the bill reading that Naloxone must be available, the bill relieves staff of having legal repercussions.

The Crisis Stabilization Facility is set to open on December 15. Staff are currently planning an open house and ribbon cutting, hopefully to take place on December 11. The CBRF licensing process is continuing and should be finished soon. Now that the construction is done, crews are cleaning up, facilities is setting up the final fixtures, and the managing vendor is recruiting staff.

A new drug, Brixadi, is on the market. The drug is similar to Sublocate, but can be stored at room temperature and injected in more areas. MAT providers are considering using this, including at the jail. Staff are hoping to move to Phase 2 of the Jail MAT Program, which would allow treatment to being in the jail. Nursing services will be increasing at the jail in 2024.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

Ettinger reported that Lutheran Social Services will be closing Cephas House and sending everyone to the Aspen Center. As a result, women's residential will now be closed. There are 22 Department of Corrections beds and 12 beds for others.

7. Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

There were no agenda items for the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

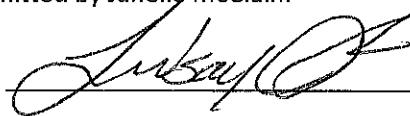
There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Graves moved, second by Ettinger, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:

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Date:

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