

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee and Board
Thursday, May 20, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Larry Nelson, Citizen Members Mary Baer (via Teams), Christine Beck (in person), Mary Berg (in person), Robert Menefee Jr. (via Teams), and Dr. Mike Goldstone (via Teams).

Also Present: Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Elizabeth Aldred (in person), HHS Deputy Director Lisa Roberts (in person), HHS Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Manager Mary Smith, ADRC Nutrition and Transportation Supervisor Mike Glasgow, ADRC Coordinator Lisa Bittman, Public Health Manager/Officer Ben Jones, HHS Compliance Coordinator Wade Woodward, County Board Supervisor Joel Gaughan, and Departmental Executive Assistant Julie Bartelt (in person).

Approve Minutes of 4-22-21

MOTION: Beck moved, second by Baer to approve the minutes of April 22. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Berg arrived at 1:09 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

More than likely, the June 17 meeting will be canceled, and then the next meeting would be July 8. On July 8, the annual Public Hearing will be held in the Human Services Center Building beginning at 8:30 a.m., followed by the presentation of the 2022 HHS budget.

Advisory Committee Reports

Baer gave a Public Health Advisory Committee report. It was a very positive meeting last week with kudos for the WCDHHS's COVID response including the incredible vaccine clinic. Currently, many PH staff are moving back to their normal roles. The Hispanic Resource Center gave a great update.

Menefee reported on this morning's Child and Family Services Advisory Committee meeting, during which there was discussion about masks in schools and the CAFSAC agencies returning to their offices.

Dr. Goldstone reported that the Substance Use Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 18. The Heroin Task Force is holding a summit on June 2, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Invitations have gone out.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Division update

Mary Smith, ADRC Manager, presented an overview of the ADRC and distributed a copy of the ADRC annual report. The presentation included the mission statement committing to serving adults and their families with issues of aging and/or disability.

The ADRC is mandated and Smith explained the Wisconsin Statutes guiding their work.

Funding sources for services include:

- Older Americans Act is federal funding based on a formula that looks at demographics, age, senior population, poverty level, etc. An assessment is required but is not based on income or assets. Services covered are supportive services, nutrition, caregiver support, and preventative health.
- State funding includes an ADRC contract with a federal match, and covers specialized transportation, Alzheimer Family Caregiver Support Program, elder (60 years and above) abuse and neglect, dementia care specialist, elder benefit specialist, disability benefit specialist.
- Some county tax levy, which is mostly for the adult protective services, an underfunded mandate.
- In 2020, additional funding was received from the COVID funding and CARES Act.
- Additional funding is coming to the Older Americans Act from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

ADRC Specialists have skills and competencies including human services/social work, alliance for information resource specialist certification, long term care functional screen certified, motivational interviewing skills, trauma informed care, assessment skills, engagement skills, knowledge of community resources, good writing skills. APS Certified Social Workers have knowledge of Chapter 46.90/54/55, experience in court matters, trauma informed care, assessment skills, engagement skills, knowledge of community resources, good writing skills. Senior Dining Manager is Serving Safe Food Certified, and the Nutrition Program Manager is a registered dietitian.

ADRC is a single point of access for information and assistance, options counseling, transportation, community resources, and benefits. Smith explained details of the aging (60+) services, Long Term Care programs, adults and elders at risk (abuse and neglect) protection services, Dementia Care Specialist's services, and health promotion/disease prevention programs.

On May 17 the ADRC lobby re-opened and staff resumed face to face visits. Hot delivery of home delivered meals resumes on June 1, but congregate dining centers remain closed. Welcome to Medicare presentations resume in person on June 9.

Smith explained areas of growth within the division, department and county, and talked about collaborations the ADRC has with the other HHS and county Divisions.

External factors that introduce challenges include provider network challenges, funding security, growing senior population, increased complexity of consumers, aging in place, social isolation, increased financial abuse/scams/frauds.

Public Health Response

Jones reported COVID has turned a corner, but it is still here. Approaching 44,000 confirmed cases in Waukesha County, more than 10% of the population. Decreasing trends have been seen since April, and Waukesha County is currently in the medium case activity level, under 25 cases per day. Contact tracing continues to be refined, reaching people electronically.

With respiratory viruses, a lot of spread is not expected over the summer, and with the numbers of individuals vaccinated and individuals having been infected, numbers are expected to go down. A resurgence in the fall is unknown. It is also unknown how long people remain immune from natural infection or vaccine. There are questions about variants, but early research shows that vaccines protect well against variants as well as the initial strains.

A larger percentage of kids currently make up case population. In general, it is a shifting of the cases as more adults are protected, less adults are getting infected. When you compare the number of kids infected each month, the actual numbers are not increasing, they are simply making up a larger percentage. There is a lot of talk about kids and COVID impact, but no alarming trends are seen in Waukesha County.

Regarding vaccines, Waukesha is in the top tier of counties of people getting vaccinated in the state, thanks to a collective effort of health care agencies, pharmacies, and the County's vaccine clinic at the Expo. As a county, 373,000 doses of vaccine have been administered, 205,000 people have received at least one shot (over 50% of entire population), and 179,000 (40%) are fully vaccinated. 85% of 65 and older have received at least one shot. 16 and 17-year olds are approaching 35%. The newest group, 12 to 15-year olds are already at 10%. Vaccine demand has gone down, and the County has exited the business of mass clinics as of May 19, ending a run of 35 extremely successful clinics. Over 38,000 doses were administered at the Expo, touching almost 21,000 people, some two dose vaccines and some single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccines given. Waukesha County efforts are shifted to reaching out to that vaccine hesitant group and continues to work with health care partners and businesses on vaccines. Some area high schools have or are planning on site vaccine clinics, including Pewaukee, Muskego, New Berlin and Elm Brook.

Youth Justice Update

Aldred presented a proposal to close the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). Considerations were:

- Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (17-year olds are considered adults and remain in the adult system, per Wisconsin law.)
- JDC current space utilization. 16 secure male only detention center cells with a 3.29 projected average daily census in 2019, 18 shelter beds now empty (12 beds available via contract with Lad Lake), County storage, Juvenile Court (plans to move to new justice

building during 2023-2026 project), Intake room/custody determination, 2 secure holding cells, and medical evaluations.

- Changes in the youth justice system since the start of the pandemic. During the pandemic an increased number of youth were sent home on electronic monitoring, and were found to succeed at home. Reduction in daily census from 3.26 to 1.24. Anecdotal evidence suggests no subsequent increase in recidivism for youth not placed in secure detention.
- Utilization. A graph showed a continual decrease in the number of youths placed in detention.
- Costs. Waukesha has a contract with Washington County for females, approximately \$150 per day. A comparison was shown of what the cost would have been if Waukesha County would have placed the males at Washington County at \$150 per day. The projected cost for 2021 is \$90,000 compared to the entire budget for the JDC of over \$840,000. Waukesha County has also begun contract negotiation with Racine, Rock and Dane Counties for secure detention.
- Stakeholder meetings have been held with the Sheriff's Office, Chief Judge, Juvenile Court Judge, court staff, District Attorney, Public Defender's Bar, and Chiefs' Association. Aldred explained things that would be impacted and are under review – transportation, holding/screening, family and attorney visits.
- Budget. Two current grants would continue to support the needs for secure detention but would look different and Aldred explained the 2022 preliminary budget.
- Impact of staff was explained.
- Aldred reviewed a timeline with the closing of the JDC in October.
- Community based programming. A redesigning of youth justice programs is under review and Aldred explained the fully Medicaid reimbursable Comprehensive Community Support (CCS) services programs. CCS is for voluntary individuals with substance use or mental health diagnosis; youth who have issues that may be the causes of ending up in detention programs. CCS provides intensive in-home treatment, respite, MH and Substance Use counseling.

Dr. Goldstone departed at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION: Menefee moved, second by Beck to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Nelson

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HHS Board Chair