

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department
1011 North 8th Street
Sheboygan WI 53081
Room 218

February 18, 2014 Called To Order: 8:40 A.M. Adjourned: 10:20 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Peggy Feider – Chair; Supervisor Kristine Wheeler – Vice-Chair; Supervisor Vernon Koch – Secretary; Supervisor Roger Otten, Supervisor Brian Hoffmann, Supervisor Jacob Van Dixhorn, Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis, and Ms. Barbara Dodge

MEMBERS ABSENT: One Citizen Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Bonk, Tim Gessler, Jean Beinemann, Marie Seger, Jody Gallaway, Joanne Meyer, Jill Spielvogel, Terri Boxrucker, Captain Jim Veeser, Lieutenant Kurt Brasser, Kathy Riehle, Steve Steinhardt, and County Administrator Adam Payne

Supervisor Feider called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The Health and Human Services Department received an e-mail noting that the agenda for the February 18, 2014 meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on February 13, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: February 4, 2014 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the Department's new software implementation process begins today with meetings occurring the rest of the week with the software vendor, Social Solutions.

Tom Eggebrecht welcomed Captain Veeser, Lieutenant Kurt Brasser, Joanne Meyer to today's Committee meeting. They will be presenting on the Sheboygan County Heroin Initiative at today's meeting.

Tom Eggebrecht also welcomed Kathy Riehle, Steve Steinhardt, Terri Boxrucker to today's Committee meeting. They will be presenting on the TB Outbreak – After Action Report at today's meeting.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that Jean Beinemann is doing a tremendous job in the role of interim Health Officer. He did indicate that the recruitment process in finding a permanent candidate for the position is not going the way he would like and informed the

Committee he may be coming back to the Committee to request that this position not be required to meet the Level III Public Health certification standards.

Tom Eggebrecht also welcomed County Administrator Adam Payne to today's meeting.

Supervisor Feider informed the Committee that on Friday, March 14, 2014, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn Express in Sheboygan, Disability Rights Wisconsin will be conducting a listening session for people with disabilities, their families, friends, disability activists, service providers, and other concerned individuals to express ideas for the future of disability advocacy and the issues that need to be addressed in the areas of special education, developmental disability, mental health and physical disability services, and disability rights.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEROIN INITIATIVE – Captain James Veeser, Lieutenant Kurt Brasser, Jody Gallaway, and Joanne Meyer

In the fall of 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Justice launched a new statewide campaign called the *The Fly Effect* to raise awareness of heroin's destructive power. In television and radio, ads, posters, stickers, and more, this campaign is showing teens how one small decision – the decision to take a hit – can quickly spiral out of control.

Captain James Veeser and Lieutenant Kurt Brasser presented, via a PowerPoint, information on heroin and prescription drug abuse affecting Sheboygan County which they are presenting throughout the county to raise awareness of the seriousness of this issue in conjunction with *The Fly Effect*.

The link between prescription drug abuse and heroin is undeniable. Among teens, prescription drugs are the most commonly used drugs besides marijuana, and nearly half of the pills being abused are pain killers. When the popular pain killer, OxyContin, was re-formulated to prevent its abuse, heroin quickly became a cheap, easy-to-get alternative. Prescription drugs like OxyContin, Percocet, and Vicodin are the primary gateways to heroin use.

Since 2009, the City of Sheboygan has experienced a 200% increase in identified heroin overdoses and a 1500% increase in heroin arrests.

Heroin is a highly addictive illegal drug that produces an intense, euphoric high when smoked, snorted, or injected. It's made from morphine, but street heroin is much more dangerous due to dealers mixing additives, such as sugar, caffeine, Benadryl, quinine, or the unknown into their product.

More than 75% of those who try heroin once will use again. The user builds up a natural tolerance to the drug's effect over time and eventually they will need more to feel the same high. An addict will suffer withdrawals, such as, muscle and bone pain, fever, diarrhea, and vomiting if they do not feed the addiction.

Every time a person uses heroin, he or she risks dying. Overdosing is easy when you don't know how strong a dose is or what's really in it. The danger is even greater when heroin is combined with other drugs or alcohol.

When high on heroin, a person's skin is flushed, they are clumsy, their thinking is cloudy and because the drug dangerously slows a user's breathing and heartbeat, the addict seems drowsy. If they are not getting high in front of you, heroin users are hard to spot. By the time

the signs are obvious (track marks, extreme weight loss, behavior changes), the addiction has taken over.

Heroin addiction is a progressive condition – the more advanced it gets, the harder it is to treat. So if you think someone you know is struggling with prescription painkiller or heroin addiction, talk to them. Seek professional help immediately. There are treatment options and support services to help addicts and their loved ones through the recovery process.

People can help by storing all needed medications in a secure, safe place; know what medications you have within your household; and bring unwanted medications to a secure drop-off box at one of the following locations: police department drug drop-off points – Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Kohler, Plymouth, and Elkhart Lake.

At the Mental Health Summit which is occurring on March 21, 2014 at Blue Harbor in Sheboygan, this topic will be discussed.

Supervisor Feider emphasized that this initiative shows how the shared services concept can work.

REPORT ON AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) LANDSCAPING CONSIDERATION – Jill Spielvogel and Marie Seger

Jill Spielvogel and Marie Seger presented to the Committee a project they would like to submit to the Sheboygan County Volunteer Center "Day of Caring" committee. This project would include a patio with landscaping and raised garden/planters to the west side of the Aging and Disability Resource Center building. The Day of Caring takes place on Thursday, July 17, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The request to participate is due February 28, 2014.

Potential community partners will be contacted for donations of building materials, monetary funds, services, or consultation.

The benefits of the project are:

- Enhance quality of life for those utilizing the Aging and Disability Resource Center and Senior Dining.
- Improve the quality and image of public service.
- Engage the community – Health Counties/Healthy Families
- Attract and welcome prospective individuals who would benefit from services (per Aging and Disability Resource Center marketing and outreach goals).

No approval by the Health and Human Services Committee is required, this was for information purposes only.

Supervisor Koch and Supervisor Wheeler left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

TB OUTBREAK – AFTER ACTION REPORT (TBD) – Kathy Riehle, Terri Boxrucker, Steve Steinhardt, and Jean Beinemann

Kathy Riehle informed the Committee that the Sheboygan County TB Event After Action Report/Improvement Plan met a deliverable objective for the CDC/Emergency Preparedness Grant. Kathy put together the After Action Report/Improvement Plan which is HSEEP compliant. Kathy informed the Committee that this report focuses on observations, functions and strengths, and areas for improvement.

Steve Steinhardt indicated the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health utilized the Incident Command Structure (ICS) early on in this event. Several revisions of the ICS structure were made throughout the event. He brought in the IMT – Incident Management Team to help organize and plan. They assisted in Sheboygan for approximately one month.

Terri Boxrucker explained her role in coordinating messages. She worked closely with the Sheboygan Area School District and local media resources to provide clear, concise messaging. The SASD Partnerships were helpful with communication of timely, consistent messages for the student body, staff and the general public.

Jean Beinemann informed the Committee that significant progress has been made. To date, two cases are still receiving treatment and eight cases have completed their course of treatment but will still need to be monitored. Marathon County identified two cases as a result of Sheboygan County's TB Event. Jean reported that Public Health's community partners are very much involved in working together to prevent an event such as this occurring again. Aurora has developed and implemented a TB screening tool which will be shared with all local clinics and hospitals for their use. Jean indicated that this outbreak affected the Hmong community. Moving forward, emphasis will be placed on outreach, screening, and testing of community members at risk of disease.

In summary, Jean informed the Committee that State funding remains available to assist with continued TB work. Public Health to date has submitted \$506,000 in cost for State reimbursement through the special allocation to assist with the costs of this TB Event. The expenses to date are substantially lower than the original amount that was originally thought to be needed to cover the costs. The After Action Report/Improvement Plan has also been made available to other partners and providers throughout the state.

Ms. Dodge left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Supervisor Van Dixhorn indicated he felt the Wisconsin Counties Association could benefit from receiving this report.

Discussion occurred on budgeting issues in the future for this type of event.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

After questions were answered, Supervisor Van Dixhorn moved and Supervisor Hoffmann seconded to approve the expense vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS

Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Hoffmann seconded to approve the attendance of the following Committee members to the following meetings:

- **February 13, 2014:** Family Support/Birth to 3 Advisory Committee Meeting – Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis
- **Friday, March 14, 2014:** Disability Rights Wisconsin Listening Session – Any Health and Human Services Representative who is interested in attending
- **Friday, March 21, 2014:** Mental Health Summit – Any Health and Human Services Representative who is interested in attending

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hoffmann asked Martin Bonk to inform the Committee what occurred with his Comp Time Policy at the Human Resources Committee. Martin informed the Committee that they did approve the policy for the remainder of 2014 by a vote of 3 to 2. Martin informed the Committee that workers generally do not utilize the policy so, at this point, he is not sure if he will be bringing this policy forward in 2015.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Purchase of Service Vendor Review
- Chapter 51/Chapter 55 Placements

NEXT MEETING

March 4, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m., Supervisor Van Dixhorn moved and Supervisor Hoffmann seconded to adjourn the February 18, 2014 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Schaefer
Recording Secretary

Vernon Koch
Committee Secretary