

Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Chair Kenneth Monroe called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Kenneth Monroe; Vice-Chair Kathy Ingersoll; Supervisors Brian Holt, Joseph H. Schaefer, and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Judy Atkinson, and William Wucherer. Citizen Representative Dr. Richard Terry was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director-Health and Human Services (HHS)/Superintendent of County Institutions Carlo Nevicosi; Deputy Director-HHS Trista Piccola; Administration Services Manager Alicia Van Dyke; Fiscal Supports Supervisor Rachel Morgan; Supervisor of Compliance and Medical Records Stephanie Schumaker-Karstetter; and Economic Support Supervisor Mia Anderson-Inman.

Members of the Public: Sara Nichols and Lilly Barrett

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Simons, the February 22, 2023 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – Sara Nichols, Executive Director of Open Arms Free Clinic, Inc., resident of Williams Bay, advocated for consideration of the Open Arms Free Clinic when performing the SWOT Analysis Review as Part of the 2023 Walworth County Strategic Planning Process.

Lilly Barrett, Executive Director of the Walworth County Literacy Counsel, advocated for consideration of the Walworth County Literacy Counsel when performing the SWOT Analysis Review as Part of the 2023 Walworth County Strategic Planning Process.

Unfinished Business

7a. SWOT Analysis Review as Part of the 2023 Walworth County Strategic Planning Process

Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda provided an overview of his Memorandum on Pages 4-5 of the packet. He explained, each committee has been asked to review the current SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis (Pages 6-17), and bring forth any additions, subtractions, expansions, etc. to the current document. He requested any specific suggestions be made in the form of a motion and suggestions need not be exclusive to topics handled by the committee(s), but rather should encompass a broader county wide analysis. Luberda provided a summary of the current topics outlined in the SWOT analysis; identifying the following potential changes he has considered:

- Combine Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) into Financial Policies, under Strengths, as it is no longer the driving issue it once was.
- Leave Debt as a separate topic under Strengths as it is a unique strength of Walworth County
- Keep the radio project as a department specific Opportunity for the Sheriff's office.
- Remove Covid-19 Pandemic as a Threat.
- Seek input from judges to reevaluate the Threat of Criminal Justice Costs and Weakness of Criminal Justice Collaboration.
- Reconcile Employee Health Costs being listed as both a Strength and a Threat.

Luberda also covered what has been discussed at previous committees:

- Lakeland Health Care Center (LHCC) suggested to include a Strength relative to organizational flexibility and responsiveness.
- Discussion of cleaning up the wording for tax base, particularly tax assessment.

- Inclusion of a Threat related to external the workforce or labor market and aging population as a threat to services such as transportation, community stability such as housing market, or operations such as maintaining quality employees. In addition, a lack of state funding for critical infrastructure.
- Threat added to Cuts to State and Federal funding relative to the loss of significant state and federal funding generated from the pandemic.

The Health and Human Services Board discussed the following:

- The County's relationship with entities who serve large population groups with needs related to Health and Human Services (HHS). Luberda discussed how that would be an indirect benefit, due to statutory restrictions for counties.
- An intergovernmental cooperation aspect to communicate community events offered in municipalities throughout the county. Luberda explained, consideration would need to be made on how that could be incorporated into the document.
- The commitment to the threat of emergency government readiness or public health preparedness, as a governmental duty and responsibility. Luberda noted this was discussed at length in the Executive Committee.
- Closer integration of the health priorities found in the community health assessment into the County's long term plan. Specifically, access to mental and physical health care and housing.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, to include housing and access to healthcare, both physical and mental, where it best fits in the SWOT analysis document. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business

8a. Administration Presentation

- i. 2022 HIPAA Incident Report
- ii. 2022 Annual Consumer Complaint Report
- iii. 4th Quarter Write Off and Year End Summary

Administration Services Manager Alicia Van Dyke introduced Fiscal Supports Supervisor Rachel Morgan and Supervisor of Compliance and Medical Records Stephanie Schumaker-Karstetter. Van Dyke, Morgan, and Schumaker-Karstetter collaboratively provided the Administrative Services Division Presentation (Pages 19-31) with some discussion and no objections. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to accept Item 8a which includes the 2022 4th Quarter Write-Off Summary Report. Motion carried 8-0.**

Reports

9a. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPF) Outreach Update

Nevisosi reported, HHS offers free Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training to community members who are not mental health care professionals, which supports suicide prevention strategies. Review of toxicology reports revealed that levels of alcohol were detected in the blood of individuals at the time of death in a high proportion of Walworth County completed suicides. Further research found, other states have had success in utilizing the QPF model to train industry workers. Nevisosi has reached out to The Walworth County Tavern League offering QPF training for an interesting and creative partnership. He will update the HHS Board if he receives a response.

9b. Unwinding Process Update

Economic Support Supervisor Mia Anderson-Inman provided an overview of the Memorandum (Page 33) which outlines the next phases of the unwinding process. She explained, relative to economic support, unwinding refers to the rolling back of some policies that were put into place three years ago. She discussed: the reduction in the extra FoodShare benefit; the reinstatement of the Medicaid and BadgerCare renewal process; the return of the drug testing requirement for drug felons to qualify for FoodShare benefits; and the return of the work requirement for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) to qualify for FoodShare benefits.

9c. Health Hub Update

Deputy Director-HHS Trista Piccola reported, the Mobile Health Hub will begin traveling through Walworth County starting in April. She noted they are in the process of renewing the lease agreement with Open Arms Free Clinic which would be effective April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Piccola highlighted upcoming events detailed in the Memorandum (Page 34).

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – Nevicosi announced, Human Services Day at the Capital will resume meeting face to face on April 12, 2023. Walworth County Human Services leadership will be meeting with Senator Stephen Nass and Representatives to the Assembly Tyler August, Ellen Schutt and Chuck Wichgers. They will be discussing mandatory programs and funding relative to emergency mental health/crisis intervention, the Birth to 3 program, and Adult Protective Services.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Supervisor Holt and Supervisor Simons, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.