



Dane County Board of Supervisors

Monthly Update
January 2020

Board addresses gaps in mental health services

The Behavioral and Mental Health Subcommittee listened to families, advocates, providers and other interested parties about the county's behavioral health needs. The subcommittee is looking for ways to address the gaps in services for youths and adults. "The County Board values the voice of the public, particularly as we seek to meet critical needs," former Chair Sharon Corrigan said.

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County to participate in County Justice Peer Learning Network

Dane County Criminal Justice Council received a grant from the National Association of Counties. The grant will help the county to provide support for individuals with mental illness who also are involved with the criminal justice system. Approaches will focus on a racial and ethnic disparities framework. Nationally, it is estimated that 2 million annual jail admissions involve a person with a serious mental illness. In Dane County, 46% of jail inmates received a mental health diagnosis.

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Chair Sharon Corrigan resigns from the Board

Sharon Corrigan announced her resignation Jan. 23. Corrigan represented the 26th district and served on the Board for 10 years, the last six as Chair. She announced last year she would not seek re-election this spring. "[Corrigan's] ability to set priorities, move projects forward, work collaboratively, and engage supervisors and the public in the policy work of the county has been an invaluable asset, and is a model of effectiveness for future leadership to emulate," Supervisor Paul Nelson said. County Executive Joe Parisi named Corrigan the interim director of the Alliant Energy Center.

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Analiese Eicher to chair the Dane County Board

Supervisor Analiese Eicher assumed the chair after Vice Chair Paul Nelson and former Chair Sharon Corrigan resigned. Nelson is not running for reelection and said one who has "an eye on the Board's future" is better suited for the position. "I look forward to guiding the work of the Board over the remaining weeks of this term," Eicher said. Eicher represents District 3 in Sun Prairie and is completing her second term on the Board. She first served in the 2010-12 term, representing District 5 in downtown Madison. She is unopposed in the April supervisory election.



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