CALL TO ORDER

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and then asked for a motion to approve the March 4, 2013 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 03/04/13 MEETING

MOTION by Vicki Burke/Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the March 4, 2013 minutes as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: YWCA: Mary Kay Wolf

Mary Kay Wolf reports that she has two items that they are currently concentrating on/working on:

1) Employment Readiness Program: This program provides on-site employment training for women who are trying to establish or improve their work history and develop good employment skills. The job site established by the YWCA is a cleaning business called “WE Shine”. Participants are paid a program stipend as encouragement to participate and complete the program, enhancing their employment references and opportunities for finding future employment. The YWCA acts as a job reference and can provide ongoing advocacy for the employee with their permanent employer.

2) YWCA has opened the YWCA Child Center which provides affordable child care year round with quality staff and where accept and respect is the theme that is what the YWCA child center is all about. They serve children ages 1-11 and the YWCA child center provides a healthy environment for children whose parents are students and community families from the area. The center is currently licensed for 63 children.

WORK GROUP UPDATES:

1) Mental Health and Substance Abuse:

Pat Ruda introduced two speakers that their group had at their meeting prior to the Family Policy Board meeting; the two speakers were: Nicole Milliren and Sara Halvorson of La Crosse County.
Nicole Milliren talked about Trauma Care and how in 2006 they began talking about attachment issues. The goal was to find Evidence Based, longitudinal, respected practice to bring to our community. An Attachment Work Group was formed and later chose Circle of Security as the protocol and practice to be studied and trained. The Trauma Group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., if anyone is interested in joining this group they may contact Nicole Milliren at nmilliren@lacrossecounty.org or 789-4859 or Sara Halvorson at shalvorson@lacrossecounty.org or 785-6099.

They developed a mission statement and Action Steps and worked with other agencies.

They implemented Dr. Bruce Perry’s “The Six Core Strengths for Healthy Childhood Development” and Dr. Bruce Perry’s “The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics with Traumatized Children”. (see handout).

Nicole Milliren reports that they want to focus on the school system next.

Sara Halvorson states that the Children’s Long Term Support Waivers (CLTSW) are interested in having this information presented to them.

2) Economic Security:

- Mary Kay Wolf reports the following information:

- Action Item: Target employers who hire high school kids. This group wants to target high risk high school students and create a checklist of things they can work on with these kids to then be able to refer them to the targeted employers. They want to look into National Career Readiness Certificates.

3) Safe and Healthy Environment:

- Nancy Pohlman reports that they had Mary Meehan-Strub at their meeting today.
- Their first outcome is to increase use of services, identify barriers and explore alternatives to paper referrals.
- They will continue to look at “at risk parents”.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Karin Johnson**
  - Karin Johnson reports that the Family Policy Board Executive Committee is exploring a different meeting date and time and she will provide more information once this has been established.
  - The County Board is looking at the subject of Frac Sand Mining and how it affects public health.
  - The Board on Education is looking at the WIC Program.
  - The Board has been discussing the JDC (Juvenile Detention Center) Core Program as this is a more intensive program for kids in the JDC. They are looking at expanding the Core Program to other counties.
  - The Board discussed the Health Department regarding their accreditation.
  - The Board has been discussing the budget.
• **HS Director Update: Dean Ruppert for Jason Witt**
  - Dean Ruppert reports that Jason Witt was unable to attend today so he is filling in for Jason.
  - We have been looking at a new IT System for the last 9 months and will implement the new system in the fall; this will affect how we do business as we will be looking at outcomes to support what we do.
  - We will be seeing a lot of changes coming with the new budget.
  - Dean reports that everyone needs to advocate to our legislators to maintain services, etc.

• **Family and Children’s Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**

  Nancy Pohlman reports that we will be having a “Permanency Summit” to come up with an action plan and that this came out of the QSR (Quality Service Review). The State and the Feds measure us on this (see handout). Nancy Pohlman reports that she is working on a grant regarding Trauma Informed Care and that it is due on May 1, 2013.

**ADJOURN:** Mike Desmond requested a motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m.

**MOTION** by Mary Kay Wolf/Janet Chaney to adjourn; *Motion carried unanimously.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 6, 2013

**Approved:** May 6, 2013, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder