

FAMILY POLICY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, October 28, 2013

Health & Human Services Building – Administrative Conference Room

12:00-1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karin Johnson, Jason Witt, Vicki Burke, Sheila Garrity, Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Kathryn Mayer, Lacie Ketelhut and Janet Chaney

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Desmond, Jeff Trotnic and Dorothy Her

GUESTS: Nancy Pohlman and Beth Plummer

CALL TO ORDER: Karin Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF 07/22/13 and 09/23/13 MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Boehm/Sheila Garrity to approve the July 22, 2013 and September 23, 2013 minutes as presented;

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Economic Security Subcommittee had an informational session today to learn about the Dane County Financial Literacy Center at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement Auditorium of the Health and Human Services Building at La Crosse County.

AGENCY UPDATES

- **Courts** – Todd Bjerke reports that the Criminal Justice Management Council did support the 17 year olds back into the Juvenile Justice System. All Judges except for Judge Gonzalez attended the Trauma Informed Care Session. They all attended evidence based practice training.
- **Police** – No updates at this time.
- **Schools** – Kathryn Mayer reports that she is a member of the WASBY Committee and there are a lot of policies coming down for approval and then they go to Madison.
- **Human Services** – Jason Witt reports that the website for the Western Regional Enrollment Network (WREN) that identifies where individuals can go locally for Affordable Care Action (ACA) enrollment assistance can be accessed through the La Crosse County website. We have a lot of info structure in place to help people navigate the system. There are a lot of volunteers giving out printed outreach materials (“tool kits”) to local agencies to help inform their clients about the ACA and where to go to get help. The tool kits are made possible by a generous donation from the La Crosse Community Foundation. We have several people certified in helping with this process and they will be helping in the community.
- **Community/Other** – No updates at this time.

CHILD PERMANENCY OUTCOMES

Jason Witt reports that at our QSR (Quality Service Review) we declined on this issue and this is a big issue for La Crosse County. We received news from the State that we were selected as a 1st Tear Site for Post Reunification Services dollars and we could receive up to \$500,000 to support these services for next year. Nancy Pohlman reports that the State is looking at La Crosse County to be a lead county in this process.

WORK GROUPS/PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATES

- **Mental Health/AODA Subcommittee Update:** Jason Witt reports that they have finalized the Mental Health Grid.

- **Economic Security Update:** Today this group had an informational session to learn about the Dane County Financial Literacy Center at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement Auditorium of the Health and Human Services Building at La Crosse County. This session includes history on how and why the Financial Literacy Center was established, how it is funded, staffed, programs and services offered and how other community organizations and agencies are involved.
- **Safe and Healthy Environment:** This group took a bigger piece of their assessment tool to find commonalities. They are talking about using this tool across the board. They will move forward on this at their next meeting.

JUVENILE JUSTICE TASK FORCE UPDATE

- Jason Witt reports that their next meeting is on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. in LEC 1615.
- This committee will provide recommendations in March 2014.

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE OVERVIEW OF PROJECT/NEXT STEPS: NANCY POHLMAN

- Nancy Pohlman reports that in June 2013 we received our funding.
- We rolled this out immediately.
- 30 local clinicians are involved.
- This model looks at/addresses the deep issues with these kids; how can we help.
- This model teaches kids relaxation skills and desensitization.
- This helps kids deeply process what has happened to them.
- Beth Plummer reports that they are working on Tier 2 with birth parents, foster parents, social workers and adoptive parents.
- They have 5-6 birth parents in the group and 14-15 foster parents in the group.
- There is a school representative in this group.
- Handouts were provided.

REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY KIDS COUNT DISCUSSIONS WITH JIM MOESER:

- Jason Witt reports that 1 in 9 kids live in poverty in La Crosse County.
- Jim Moeser talked about pockets in poverty.
- Dane County is working with certain areas in their community to help with services, etc.
- A handout was provided.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE FAMILY POLICY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

- Update on Trauma Informed Care – Nancy Pohlman
- Update on Human Trafficking Training.

ADJOURN

Karin Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION by Janet Chaney/Kathryn Mayer to adjourn; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Approved: April 28, 2014, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder