CALL TO ORDER

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and then asked for a motion to approve the August 5, 2013 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 08/05/13 MEETING

MOTION by Mary Kay Wolf/Sheila Garrity to approve the August 5, 2013 minutes as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers: Ann Kappauf

- Ann Kappauf reports that New Horizons has just recognized their 35th Anniversary.
- Children come with a parent whether it is their mother or their father who is in a domestic violence relationship.
- People who are abused often feel guilt, shame and often don’t realize that it is abuse.
- Some people stay 2 days to 4 months.
- The average stay is 41 days.
- They keep clothing on hand for their clients.
- They have services available for their clients and help refer them to other services in the community.
- They work with La Crosse County, La Crosse Police Department in the DART Program.
- All services are confidential.
- They serve about 2,000 people each year.
- They have been full since 2009.
- Ann Kappauf provided handouts about New Horizons.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, COMMUNITY COORDINATION: Jason Witt

- Jason Witt reports that enrollment has started.
- We are in the Western Region with eight other counties.
- The website for the Western Region is http://wwwstage/humanservices/aca/index.asp.
- The website provides general information about the ACA as well as where individuals can go in the Western Region to get one on one enrollment assistance. The website address is http://www.lacrossecounty.org/humanservices/aca/.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON CHILDREN IN POVERTY: Jason Witt

- Jason Witt reports that the Community Conversation on Children and Poverty will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Viterbo Reinhart Center Board Room. Jim Moeser will be presenting along with local panel presenters.
WORK GROUP UPDATES:

1) Mental Health and Substance Abuse:
   - Pat Ruda reports that they are discussing three major topics.
     1) They discussed reintegration.
     2) The Children’s Resource Grid.
     3) CCS at La Crosse County is expanding from 37 to 80-100.

2) Economic Security:
   - Mary Kay Wolf reports that Deb Neubauer from the Financial Literacy Center in Madison will be coming on October 28th and will be in room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Building. You will receive an invite in the near future.

3) Safe and Healthy Environment:
   - Jodi Widuch reports that they did an assessment.
   - They had a great discussion about the assessment.
   - The next steps have not been discussed yet.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee:** Karin Johnson
  - Karin Johnson reports that the Health and Human Services Board is encouraging Governor Walker to accept the Medicaid Expansion.
  - At the last Health and Human Services Board meeting they approved the Heroin Task Force.
  - At the last Health and Human Services Board meeting they looked at research to rate local restaurants on food safety.

- **HS Director Update:** Jason Witt
  - Jason Witt reports that they are moving forward with the implementation of Trauma Informed Care with several training sessions underway.
  - We have applied for funding to assist with reunification (getting kids back in to their parental homes) by providing more services to these kids/families.
  - The Juvenile Justice Task Force will meet again on December 3, 2013 and they will be looking at why there is a higher juvenile arrest rate and why there are disproportionate minority arrests.

- **Family and Children’s Section Update:** Nancy Pohlman
  - Beth Plummer spoke on behalf of Nancy Pohlman and shared some more detailed information regarding the Trauma Informed Care initiative.

AGENCY UPDATES:

- Mary Fitzpatrick provided a handout regarding the Warming Center.
- Ruthann Schultz reports that on November 7th there will be a presentation regarding “Human Trafficking”; she said to check the YWCA website for additional information.

ADJOURN
Mike Desmond adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 4, 2013

Approved: November 4, 2013, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder