

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE**

Monday, December 2, 2013

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karolee Behringer, Mike Boehm, Vicki Burke, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Rande Daykin, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Mary Fitzpatrick, Karin Johnson, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Kim Knutson, Ann Kramer, Lyndsey Langer, Lorie Lautz, Mary Meehan-Strub, Nancy Pohlman, Joannette Robertson, Pat Ruda, Sarah Spah, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt and Mary Kay Wolf

**GUESTS:** Jennifer Loging and Beth Plummer

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and then asked for a motion to approve the November 4, 2013 meeting minutes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/04/13 MEETING**

**MOTION** by Vicki Burke/Mary Kay Wolf to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **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 approved the budgets last month.
  - They passed the cuts to Home Health Services.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution – they support 17 year olds being brought back to Juvenile Justice Services and have also asked for money to do so due to the cost of 25% increase.
  - They passed a resolution for local control of Frac Sand Mining.
  
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**
  - Jason Witt reports that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has concerns due to non-functional websites especially for persons with Badger Care; they may expand the time for Badger Care due to this issue.
  - We're trying to make sure people don't fall through the cracks.
  - We are providing assistance here and in the community.
  - The Family & Children's Section received the grant for Post Reunification Services for Child Protection Services. We can receive up to \$500,000 and we will add staff.
  
- **Family and Children's Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**
  - Nancy Pohlman reports that we received the Post Reunification Services Grant and we are doing conference calls and having work groups.
  - The state is still working on criteria.
  - It is a huge project.
  - We are not in compliance with the state benchmarks.

## **AGENCY PRESENTATION: La Crosse County Health Department, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program:**

**Jennifer Loging, Nutrition Manager**

- Jennifer Loging reports that their target population is low income families, pregnant women and breastfeeding women.
- WIC is a Federal Grant Program.
- WIC is administered at the Federal level.

- WIC has a positive influence on health.
- Participant benefits are supplemental nutritious foods, food nutrition and education, etc.
- To apply call 1-800-722-2295 for assistance in locating your local WIC office or go to their website at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic).
- They do a medical screen with clients.
- Clients receive nutrition education.
- At their appointment they discuss concerns and can be referred to other programs as needed.
- They receive food checks that list what foods they can purchase that meet the nutritional guidelines.

## **WORK GROUP UPDATES:**

### **1) Mental Health and Substance Abuse:**

- Jason Witt reports that they are working on looking at the system as a whole and developing a list of strengths and weaknesses.
- They have developed a grid/guide of resources.
- Areas that the group has decided to focus on include: 1) Need for service to help navigate the system (when in crisis, when looking for service, etc.); 2) General public awareness of services. 3) Family Support Group (education, support, resource identification, etc.); 4) School system collaboration (who do you talk to, therapy available, collaboration, etc.) and 5) Lack of depth in children's mental health therapeutic approaches (EBP, in-home availability).
- Mike Desmond reports that they have a plan going into the next year.

### **2) Economic Security:**

- Mary Kay Wolf reports that they have two action items:
- 1) Better job preparedness for kids at risk. They plan to come up with a good checklist to address with kids.
- 2) Researching if this community needs a Financial Education System.
- They had Dane County come and talk about their Financial Literacy Center.
- They have a meeting tomorrow with banks, university people to see what the needs are for a Financial Literacy Center in our community.

### **3) Safe and Healthy Environment:**

- Jodi Widuch reports that they had a lengthy discussion about Trauma Informed Care.
- There are lots of pending trainings being planned.
- Nancy Pohlman reports that they have been training clinicians, social workers, foster parents, parents, etc.
- They need to figure out what agencies need in regard to this training.
- They will survey the Family Policy Board representatives and agencies.
- Jason Witt reports that the plan for 2014 is an advanced training hierarchy.

## **ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, January 6, 2014

**Approved:** February 3, 2014, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder