

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 2, 2014

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karolee Behringer, Mike Boehm, Vicki Burke, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sheila Garrity, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Keith Lease, Linnea Miller, Jeff Murawski, Majel Olson, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Ruthann Schultz, Sarah Spah, Beth Sullivan and Jason Witt

**GUESTS:** Lindsay Patterson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pat Ruda called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and then asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2014 meeting minutes.

Majel Olson of Consumer Credit Counseling asked that there be a change to the May 5, 2014 minutes in regard to her update; as she reported the following: "Majel Olson reports that Consumer Credit Counseling now has a Representative Payee Program in La Crosse. Consumer Credit Counseling has been in La Crosse for 15 years." This correction will be reflected in the minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 05/05/14 MEETING**

**MOTION** by Catherine Kolkmeier/Ann Kappauf to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes with the changes indicated; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:**

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Monica Kruse**
  - Sharon Hampson reports that there will be new appointments to the Family Policy Board Executive Committee happening in June due to their terms being up.
  - They had the NIC Commission come to evaluate/make recommendations at Ophelia's House.
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**
  - Jason Witt reports that an email will be coming with information and instructions for the trip to Madison on June 10, 2014 "Joining Forces for Families" and we should be returning at 6:00 p.m. that day.
  - Jason reports that there will be no Family Policy Board meeting in July so he wanted to remind everyone about the "Rebuilding for Learning Summit" on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They have some great speakers lined up for this. Troy Harcey reports that they will be sending out more information about the Rebuilding for Learning Summit soon.
  - Jason reports that Children's Crisis received a new grant for improving crisis services for children.
- **Family and Children's Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**
  - Nancy Pohlman reports that we will be having a final reception for the Trauma Informed Care Program on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Gundersen Ice Facility on the corner of Green Bay Street and South Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### **AGENCY PRESENTATION: Family & Children's Center – Mike Boehm**

Mike Boehm reports the following information about the Family and Children's Center:

- Family & Children's Center has been around for 133 years.
- They started out as only a Residential Services Facility.
- Over time they have created a large amount of community based services.
- Currently they only have 13 kids in residential care and hope that someday to no longer need the Residential Facility.
- They have 47 total programs, 275 staff and 8 locations and they have expanded into Minnesota.

- They have a newer facility in Winona, Minnesota.
- They continue to move away from residential care.
- They have a lot of financial donors and are looking for additional donors to meet their goals for growing programs and sustaining programs.
- They are training staff in Trauma Informed care and they are using Trauma Informed care.
- Joannette Robertson left the Family and Children's Center to take a position at the State.
- They are looking at focusing more on children's mental health.
- Mike reports that Minnesota has a greater focus on children's mental health than Wisconsin but he is seeing this changing.
- They are trying to partner more in the community.
- They are trying to partner with both hospitals.

## **LA CROSSE COUNTY MATERNAL & CHILD'S HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT – Sarah Spah**

Sarah Spah reports the following information with a Power Point presentation:

- They want to support all types of health with children and families.
- Their focus will be on early childhood.
- They want collaboration across agencies.
- They want coordination and non-duplication of efforts.
- They want to make the best use of limited resources.
- They have a child death review team.
- They will be conducting a needs assessment.
- They will be requesting assistance with their needs assessment data.
- They would like to come back and present back to the Family Policy Board in August.

## **WORK GROUP UPDATES:**

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

- This group reports that they have reduced their meeting schedule for now and that the schools will be joining this group.

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

- This group reports that they will not be meeting again until August.

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

- This group reports that they sent out an email/survey and they received a good response. They sent this survey out to find out what kind of training needs are out there.

## **UPDATES:**

- Sheila Garrity reports that there is a Work Shop this Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Lunda Center about predators and children.

## **ADJOURN**

Pat Ruda adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, August 4, 2014

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Tammy Hoskins, Recorder.