

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, August 4, 2014

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Boehm, Vicki Burke, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Mike Desmond, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sharon Hampson, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Kim Knutson, Catherine Kolkmeier, Shawn Kudron, Tracy Littlejohn, Kathryn Mayer, Mary Meehan-Strub, Jeff Murawski, Majel Olson, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Ruthann Schultz, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt and Mary Kay Wolf

GUESTS: Erin Balsiger, Patrick Barlow, Dr. Barry Irons, Lurch, Nerd, Lindsey Schwarz-Nichols and Tricia Wavra

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Ruda called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and then asked for a motion to approve the June 2, 2014 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 06/02/14 MEETING

MOTION by Vicki Burke/Mary Kay Wolf to approve the June 2, 2014 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Sharon Hampson**
 - Sharon Hampson reports that the Family Policy Board Executive Committee met on July 28, 2014 and they had a lot of updates from a lot of people. The committee talked about Trauma Informed Care, the JJ Task Force and Permanency issues.
 - They are getting video conferencing in the Court Room.
 - They are looking at why we have such high arrest rates in La Crosse.
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**
 - Jason Witt reports that we are in the process of 2015 budget planning. The Human Services Department has been given a 0% increase tax levy target.
 - The JJ Task Force is in their final phase. They are looking at two issues; one being the high arrest rate and the other being racial disproportionality in the juvenile justice system.
 - Jason reports that they had a great trip to Madison in June for the “Joining Forces for Families” program. We have had strong support for moving this forward in our area. We are looking at financing options to support this program here. We are proceeding on program development for a La Crosse version of the JFF model. The working title is the “La Crosse Area Family Collaborative” and there are three groups gearing up to focus on different parts of the initiative: 1. “Data Integration Team”; 2. “Faith Community Coordination Team”, and 3. “Program Planning Team”.
 - Jason reminded everyone about the “Rebuilding for Learning Summit” on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Family and Children’s Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**
 - Nancy Pohlman reports that the Trauma Informed Care Program came to a close on July 25th; it was a wrap up to the year’s project. There will be a report coming at a future meeting.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: The Parenting Place – Jodi Widuch

Jodi Widuch reports the following:

- Their vision is to support and educate adults who have children and child care providers.
- Their goal is to prevent abuse and neglect of children.
- They maintain the Birth to 3 Program.
- They have a grant/program at Hamilton Elementary School. They have two people who share the job duties and provide a presence at Hamilton Elementary School. They are there at drop off and pick up times.
- They have started a play group.
- They are looking at a “Parent Café” program; it is in the beginning stages.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE – Lindsey Schwarz-Nichols and Tricia Wavra

Lindsey Schwarz-Nichols reports the following information with a Power Point presentation:

- La Crosse is in the Western Region Enrollment Network along with Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties.
- 9200 people were uninsured.
- Everyone in the Western Region was using the same informational materials.
- They have a website where you can get the enrollment information.
- We hired 8 LTE's to help with this process and had volunteers who assisted with the enrollment process.
- For more information about the Affordable Care Act you can go to the website:
<http://www.lacrossecounty.org/humanservices/aca/>.

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

Sarah Spah was not present at today's meeting but will provide this update at the meeting next month.

IMPACT OF NEW HUD INTERPRETATION ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM – Grace Jones

- Grace Jones reports that HUD helps families who are homeless.
- Couleecap has run this program for a long time.
- There has been a new interpretation of the HUD program that will have terrible impact starting next year.

Grace Jones asked to pass a motion for a letter from the Family Policy Board to support the HUD Program as it has always been and not to support this interpretation, **MOTION** by Sharon Hampson/Ann Kappauf to approve the letter as requested; **Motion carried unanimously.**

PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 FAMILY POLICY BOARD MEETING

- Jason Witt reports that at the September 8th meeting we will be hearing from agencies such as Human Services, United Way (Compass Report), Public Schools and Couleecap; who have data regarding areas of need.
- In October Mary Meehan-Strub will facilitate a discussion about what we want to focus on regarding needs.
- In November we will bring a plan to move forward for the next two years.

AGENCY UPDATES

- Pat Ruda reports that September is National Recovery Month and there is an event on September 2nd at City Hall; it is a proclamation to show that people do get into recovery and do get well and become great productive citizens. There will be other events throughout the month of September to support recovery.
- Chris Crye reports that there will be a Block Party on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from Noon – 4 at Hood Park in La Crosse; this is their 10th Annual Block Party.
- Tracy Littlejohn reports that on August 22-23 they will be having their Egg Roll Fundraiser for HCCA.
- Ann Kappauf reports that they will be selling raffle tickets and there will be a drawing on August 23, 2014 at Augies Bar in Bangor, WI.
- Jeff Murawski reports that they have a new Executive Director, Craig Voss.

ADJOURN

Pat Ruda adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 8, 2014

Approved: September 8, 2014, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder