

## FAMILY POLICY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, October 27, 2014

Health & Human Services Building – Administrative Conference Room

12:00-1:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Hampson, Jason Witt, Mary Kay Wolf, Sheila Garrity, Pat Ruda, Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Shawn Kudron and Janet Chaney

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Vicki Burke, Kathryn Mayer, Lacie Ketelhut and Tracy Littlejohn

**GUESTS:** Mary Meehan-Strub

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sharon Hampson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No announcements were made at today's meeting.

### APPROVAL OF 07/28/14, 08/22/14 AND 09/22/14 MINUTES

**MOTION** by Pat Ruda/Todd Bjerke & Mary Kay Wolf to approve the July, 28, 2014, August 22, 2014 and the September 22, 2014 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### AGENCY UPDATES

- **Courts** – Todd Bjerke reports that the courts are more aware of the trauma based practice. He has done his last Drug Court on Thursday and now Scott Horne will be doing Drug Court and Todd will be more involved with the Veterans Court.
- **Police** – Shawn Kudron reports that the prescription drug drop off points have been having some issues and they need to look at the most cost effective way of disposing of these meds to pay for what is being taken in. They want to continue the prescription drug drop off program.
- **Human Services** – Jason Witt reports we are in the budget approval process and there will be more updates at the Family Policy Board meeting. We are getting 17 new positions, some in mental health and some in the CORE Program. We are doing this within what we have as there will be no increase in the County Tax Levy. We received confirmation that we are funded for another year for our juvenile activities. The ACA (Affordable Care Act) will have support from DHS and they will continue funding to support coordinators.

### PLAN FOR IDENTIFYING 2015-16 FAMILY POLICY BOARD PRIORITIES AND WORK ACTIVITIES AND MAXIMIZING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLE

Sharon Hampson had a list of questions for the committee today to generate some feedback on the direction of this committee, their comments are as follows:

- 1) Is this committee useful to you?
  - This committee is quicker and more informational.
  - It is a good way to form direction for the Family Policy Board.
  - It was discussed that instead of having a presentation first at the Executive Committee meeting and then at the Family Policy Board meeting to just have the presentations at the Family Policy Board meeting and then discuss it further at the next Executive Committee meeting so as to not have to see it twice or more.

2) How do you use the information from this committee?

- It depends on the information.
- Sometimes the information is relevant and sometimes it is not.

Do you take it back to your organization?

- One member indicated that she shares this information with her organization and other counties and other law enforcement agencies.

3) Do you change/develop policies based on work done in this committee?

- Courts replied "yes".
- Others replied "no".

4) Is this committee effective?

- It has raised awareness and made people more knowledgeable.
- Among agencies we're more knowledgeable.
- We are not getting information out to the general public..

5) Is its work relevant?

- "Yes" in general; sometimes it depends on the subject material. It does provide better connections with other agencies. It also helps in providing clients information about resources in the community.

6) How would you improve the effectiveness and relevance?

- Poverty – we need more done regarding this issue.

7) Should you/your organization be on this committee?

- "Yes" due to collaboration with other agencies.

8) Are there other agencies that should be represented here?

- "No" then you may have too many people and it may slow up the process.
- Diversity is an issue.
- We should have term limits.
- We should have listening sessions.

9) What should be the future direction of this committee?

- In the beginning this committee had three things they wanted to accomplish; 1) Communication, 2) Collaboration and 3) Coordination.
- We should continue the three work groups:
  - 1) Mental Health and Substance Abuse
  - 2) Economic Security
  - 3) Safe and Healthy Environment
- These groups recently provided their recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- At the November 3, 2014 Family Policy Board meeting we will be breaking out into the three work groups and identifying action items to accomplish in the next two years. These three work groups will remain and have new action items related to their work groups to work on over the next two years. On each work group there will be a Human Services Co-Chair and a Community Co-Chair. We will be allowing people to change groups if they wish to.
- One idea was to provide CIT training to the schools and law enforcement.
- We haven't identified policy collaborative ideas from the work groups.
- It was suggested that we add someone from the La Crosse School district or possibly rotate membership on the Executive Committee to get different ideas.

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- PBS Front Line "Poor Children" Screening – October 2014
- Sheila Garrity suggested that we watch this Front Line "Poor Children" Screening on PBS.
- This is about putting a face on poverty.
- It is an hour long.
- Talks about what is being done.
- Mary Kay Wolf said she could talk to the TV stations regarding a poverty piece.

## ADJOURN

**MOTION** by Todd Bjerke/Shawn Kudron to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Disclaimer:** Approved January 26, 2015. Tammy Hoskins, Recorder