

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 23, 2015

Health & Human Services Building – Administrative Conference Room

12:00-1:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Witt, Vicki Burke, Mary Kay Wolf, Shelia Garrity, Shawn Kudron

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Sharon Hampson, Pat Ruda, Todd Bjerke, Kathryn Mayer, Janet Chaney, Boa Vue.

**GUESTS:** Mandy Bisek

**CALL TO ORDER:** Shelia Garrity called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

### **APPROVAL OF 10/27/14 AND 11/24/14 MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Vicki Burke/Shelia Garrity to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **AGENCY UPDATES**

- **Courts** – Nothing to report.
- **Police** - Shawn Kudron commented that the article in the La Crosse Tribune on Community Policing was a nice article.
- **Schools** – Nothing to report.
- **Human Services** – Jason Witt reported that the County has been awarded the Circle of Security Grant which will help fund circles of security training in the community. Shelia Garrity stated there is a listening session on February 27, 2015 on homeless youth. She also commented that "Avenues" in Minneapolis has a short term program for homeless youth (to help with counseling, money management). Shelia suggested possibly have someone from "Avenue" come to La Crosse to speak on their program.

### **DETENTION RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT – MANDY BISEK**

Mandy Bisek went over the handout explaining the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). The prime objectives of JDAI are:

- To reduce unnecessary or inappropriate secure confinement of children
- To reduce crowding and to improve conditions for children in secure detention facilities
- To encourage the development of non-secure alternatives to secure juvenile confinement
- To discourage failures to appear in court and subsequent delinquent behavior

Mandy also went over how the risk assessment instrument (RAI) is used. This is a written checklist of criteria that is applied to rate each minor for specific detention-related risks. The score is then used to guide the intake worker in making the decision whether to detain or release the arrested youth. Jason stated that this is a statewide practice and the State has deferred to this plan and as Mandy stated this is a big change to our community. The ultimate goal of the State is for all counties to use this DRAI.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PREVENTION SUPERVISOR**

Jason Witt reported that the subgroup met to look at the job description for the Supervisor position for the Community Program and Prevention program. Jason went over the job description on highlighted on the essential job functions such as supervision and leadership; community engagement and collaboration (as related to LAFC); and administration and project management.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Jason Witt/Mary Kay Wolf to adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**