

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 6, 2015

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patrick Barlow, Todd Bjerke, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Mike Desmond, Gloria Doyle, Melissa Fannin, Shelia Garrity, Heather Hertzell, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Kim Knutson, Catherine Kolkmeier, Lorie Lautz, Lisa Luckey, Kathryn Mayer, Majel Olson, Teresa Pierce, Joseph “Nerd” Pigott, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Ruthann Schultz, Jason Witt and Mary Kay Wolf

**GUESTS:** Kim Cable, Coulee Cap, Liza Collins, La Crosse County Human Services, Audra Martine, La Crosse County Human Services and WKBT News Channel 8

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pat Ruda called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/05/15 MEETING**

Pat Ruda asked for a motion to approve the March 2, 2015 meeting minutes. **MOTION** by Mary Kay Wolf/Majel Olson to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee:**  
Nothing to report.
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**  
Jason gave his update with the Human Services Impacts of Governor’s Bi-Annual Budget Request agenda item.
- **Family and Children’s Section Update: - Nancy Pohlman**  
Nancy Pohlman reported that we received a mini grant to attend a conference on improving early enhanced childhood development. Also, Nancy announced that on May 8, 2015 Family & Children’s will be doing a fundraiser for Foster Care Awareness at the Brat Barn at Festival Foods on Copeland Avenue. Last year this was a great fundraiser. The monies will go to assist children in foster care.

### **AGENCY PRESENTATION**

- **Boys & Girls Club – Mike Desmond**  
Mike Desmond reported what is happening at the Boys & Girls Club. There are now 7 sites with 5 of the sites in La Crosse. The Clubs are serving up to 600 kids a day. A new program with the help from Viterbo Fine Arts Department has been started for kids who have interests in the arts (dance, theater and music). There are about 10 kids in dance at Misty’s School of Dance, 20 kids are putting together a theater production this Spring with the help of Viterbo students, about a dozen kids are taking guitar lessons (some guys from bands in the area come in and give the lessons). The Boys & Girls Club has entered into a partnership with Mayo Health Systems along with a private donor to hire a full-time social worker at the Club. This position is hoping to be filled by fall of the next school year.

## **HUMAN SERVICES IMPACTS OF GOVERNORS BI-ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST - Jason Witt**

Jason presented a power point on the Human Services Impacts of Governors Bi-Annual Budget request. For Human Services Jason went over the following items:

- Child Protective Services – Secretary Anderson’s request for \$5Mil in additional statewide funding was not accepted and included
- Mental Health – Funding to assist counties with creating crisis services programs pairing law enforcement with mental health professionals and changes to the emergency detention process
- Substance Abuse – expands MA coverage to cover a portion of residential care
- Youth Aids – transfer this funding from DOC to DCF
- Income Maintenance – seems to be a reduction in funding to IM consortiums to handle the increased workload related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), propose drug testing for individuals receiving unemployment insurance and other public assistant benefits, seeks waiver from the federal government for authority to impose higher monthly premiums for BadgerCare childless adults who engage in yet undefined risky behaviors, limit enrollment for childless adults to no longer than 48 months

Family Care – Jason went over the selected changes for the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). For the MCO’s existing long-term care districts are dissolved; MCOs would provide primary, behavioral and acute health services in addition to Long-Term Care Services; and Long-Term advisory committees eliminated. For the ADRC DHS will be allowed to contract either with current ADRCs or private entities for part or all of ADRC service components with Counties right of first refusal eliminated; some or all services may be contracted to a local or non-local provider; and local ADRC governing boards eliminated. Jason also went over the justification for changes, concerns and some of the next steps.

**MOTION** by Shelia Garrity/Grace Jones that the Family Policy Board convey to appropriate legislative bodies that the FPB opposes the governor’s budget particularly as it affects family care providers (from broad based county providers to out of state vendor). In addition, such drastic policy changes as proposed are not budget issues, but rather policy changes that should go through the regular legislative process. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **FOOD SHARE OUTREACH: BUILDING A COORDINATES SYSTEM AROUND FOOD & SECURITY - - Grace Jones, Kim Cable, Jason Witt**

Grace, Kim and Jason presented on a collaborative program focused on addressing food insecurity. The Hunger Task Force, CouleeCap and La Crosse County are working together on the Food Share Community Access Project. Kim Cable stated that this is a new collaborative project in the community and she is working with Milwaukee’s Task Force Project to model after their program. She will be spending time with Milwaukee to see how their program runs. Kim also states they are in the process of hiring staff to connect with local pantries and will have access to computers to help enroll at the pantries for food share services. Workers will work with ES here to help troubleshoot and help families with ways to be self-sufficient and hoping to be in the pantries in 6 months. This project is to help bring agencies and food pantries together.

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

- Shelia Garrity stated that on April 23 there will be a presentation at the Hmong Cultural Center on Homeless Youth from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. A speaker from Avenues in Minneapolis will be here to speak..
- Mike Desmond also reported that the Boys & Girls Club has a new van to transport kids to/from school to BGC after school and home at night..

**ADJOURN**

Pat Ruda Adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 4, 2015.

**Approved** May 4, 2015, Tammy Bond, Recorder