

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, January 4, 2016

Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Kim Cable, Chris Crye, Gloria Doyle, Chrissy Feine, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Kim Knutson, Catherine Kolkmeier, Shawn Kudron, Jason Larsen, Lisa Luckey, Kathryn Mayer, Linnea Miller, Teresa Pierce, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Ruthann Schultz, Beth Sullivan, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, and Tita Yutec

GUESTS: Bridget Todd (ATTIC) and Jane Houlihan (Garrison Counseling)

CALL TO ORDER: Pat Ruda called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12/07/15 MEETING

Pat Ruda asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes. **MOTION** by Kathryn Mayer/Kim Cable to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee:**
Sharon Hampson was absent. No information to report.
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**
 - Jason Witt reported the Human Services has a newly designed website. The website went through updates and is now easier to navigate.
 - Jason Witt reported that motivational interviewing started one year ago and all staff go through MI training. After training staff have tapes to turn in from client interviews.
 - Jason Witt reported Rukmini Vasupuram has been hired as the Justice Sanctions Manager and will start at the end of January. The Juvenile Justice Department will be under Justice Sanctions at the end of January also.
- **Family and Children's Section Update: - Nancy Pohlman**
Nancy Pohlman reported several new staff have started today filling vacancies.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: La Crosse Area YMCA – Lisa Luckey

Lisa Luckey reported the Y has hired a full-time Mental Health Director. Her name is Sara Johnson. Sara will serve people from 6 weeks old – adults and will be looking at how to help all age groups at the Y. Sara will also be able to work more with teens and be at the schools. Sara's office will be located at the Teen Center. Lisa passed out marketing material for the Teen Center.

Subcommittee Update: Mental Health – Lisa Luckey:

-Campaign to Change Direction-

Lisa Luckey reported to the Family Policy Board that the Campaign to Change Direction is working to help families with mental health and substance abuse issues navigate the system and raise awareness for mental health. They are also promoting access to care and to help those who are struggling get more information on services that are available. Lisa handed out a flyer on resources for the campaign and went over the hand out.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Jane Houlihan (Garrison Counseling)

- Kim Cable – reported that a transitional housing program through HUD is starting to have some focus on people ages 18-24. An announcement will go out to agencies when there is an opening for housing and there is a screening process to go through.
- Catherine Kolkmeier reported that there is an 8-year grant from the Healthier WI Partnership Program (Medical College of WI) to support collaborative behavioral health work in 10 communities in the state. Catherine is working with all the Consortium partner, plus the Change Direction campaign, Great Rivers 2-1-1, and the Mental Health Coalition to prepare an application for La Crosse. If funded it would pay for a full-time coordinator and a half-time evaluator and would include a year of project development prior to five years of implementation. The application for Year 1 is due February 1. Catherine also reported that the Health Summit will be 4/15/16 at the Lunda Center from 8:00 - 12:00.

REMINDER REGARDING DATA FRO 2016 COMMUNITY OUTCOME MONITORING

Jason Larsen reported that the LAFC started working with clients about 3 weeks ago. Jason also gave 2 case scenarios. One was Isaac Hoffman helped a family secure housing to avoid homelessness and Sara Rugg is currently working with a family that has some mental health issues to get housing. They have also received a few referrals from schools.

ADJOURN

Pat Ruda Adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 1, 2016.

Approved February 1, 2016, Tammy Bond, Recorder