FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE
Monday, May 2, 2016
Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615
12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Kim Cable, Chris Crye, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Shelia Garrity, Amanda Jalensky, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Kim Knutson, Catherine Kolkmeier, Kathryn Mayer, Majel Olson, Nancy Pohlman, Valerie Prange, Jen Rambalski, Ruthann Schultz, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, Mary Kay Wolf

Guests: Tracy Puent

CALL TO ORDER: Catherine Kolkmeier called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Catherine announced she will now be the Chair of the Family Policy Board for the next 2 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 4/4/16 MEETING
Catherine Kolkmeier asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2016 meeting minutes. MOTION by Jodi Widuch/Grace Jones to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Catherine Kolkmeier
Catherine asked if information presented at the Family Policy Board Meetings is getting out to the organization that the Members are representing. In the future Catherine would like agency presentations to be what the agency brings to the community and how that agency can be of help to other organizations in the community. Try to make best use of networking through agency presentations.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt
Jason Witt stated that the Family Policy Board Executive Committee is planning to dissolve as its membership and purpose will be highly duplicative to a planned backbone organization (501c3). The backbone will align the “system” (i.e., schools, law enforcement, courts, human services) around decisions, policies programming, supports and other aspects of serving children, youth and their families. The focus is to keep children and youth out of the criminal justice system, mentally healthy and safe from abuse and neglect. This change will not affect the Family Policy Board.

Family and Children’s Section Update: - Nancy Pohlman
Nancy Pohlman announced she will be stepping down from the Family & Children’s Manager to a Supervisor role. Tracy Puent will be the interim manager until the manager position is filled. Nancy stated that Family & Children’s is down in staff, a lot of referrals are coming in and Sarah Wagner-Barton received the Ken Kolb award at the Child Maltreatment Conference April 15, 2016. Jason Witt commented that he would like to recognize Nancy’s work and leadership over the 5 years as Manager.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: LA CROSSE MEDICAL HEALTH SCIENCE CONSORTIUM – Catherine Kolkmeier
Catherine reported that the Consortium was started in 2005 when a series of committees were set up throughout the community to explore improving health in the community. The Consortium looks at root causes of poor health and health equity. Catherine went over the available resources and their online services. She went on to state that the Consortium has received a behavioral health grant that will be announced later in the week. Catherine stated that the Consortium would like to learn professional development/training on how to engage people in the community. In closing she asked if there was anything the Consortium could bring to any of the agencies present at the meeting.
CONTINUE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Child Protection and Safe Environment

Jason Witt went over the power point presentation on “Safe and Healthy Environments subgroup” in regards to continuum of services and outcome indicators. The group went over the community care continuum and the following questions were discussed: 1) Where does your agency fit in the continuum? 2) From your perspective, what are the biggest barriers or challenges in the continuum? And 3) What more support or communication would be helpful for your agency from members of the Family Policy Board? The percent of cases with 2 or more referrals from 2013-2016 were discussed. The continuum of services from prevention to deep-end intervention would be the following steps: Prevention, Early Intervention, Investigation, Open in System (child is in-home) and Open System (child is placed out-of-home). It was also discussed that there are now more prevention and early intervention programs available and in-home counseling is now becoming available.

ADJOURN

Catherine Kolkmeier adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 6, 2016.

Approved June 6, 2016, Tammy Bond, Recorder