

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, March 6, 2017

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Kim Cable, Chris Crye, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Kate Dunnum, Deb Garrison, Shelia Garity, Sharon Hampson, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Kim Knutson, Catherine Kolkmeier, Derek Kruempel, Mary Meehan-Strub, Heidi Odegard, Teresa Pierce, Joe “Nerd” Pigott, Tracy Puent, Jen Rombalski, Jamie Schloegel, Regina Siegel, Beth Sullivan, Bridget Todd, Tonya Van Tol, Jodi Widuch Jason Witt, Tita Yutec

Guests: Jennifer Knutson, Aaron Rasch

CALL TO ORDER: Catherine Kolkmeier called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board: Kim Cable

Kim Cable reported that the following 2 resolutions were passed by the County:

- Authorizing the Creation of a Clinical Therapist position to meet behavioral health needs of inmates of the La Crosse County jail
- Creating an Economic Support Supervisor position in La Crosse County for the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) Income Maintenance Consortium

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

Jason Witt welcomed Tracy Puent as Manager for Family & Children. Jason also reported that they are still recruiting for the Deputy Director position.

Family and Children’s Section Update: Tracy Puent

Tracy Puent reported that referrals were down 13% in 2016 vs 2015. Tracy also reported they will try to focus on re-referrals.

First Look at Governor’s 2017-19 Biennial Budget Proposal & Local Impacts on Children, Youth and Family Issues

Jason reported that there are no major surprises or proposed cuts in the budget request. Jason also went over the power point (attached) that listed several encouraging proposals to more closely evaluate and the proposals that will impact eligibility for Income Support programs.

Results of the Family Policy Board 2017-18 Strategic Planning Discussions

Jason stated that the desired outcome from the planning discussions was to develop an action plan to guide the FPB meetings for the next two years and to make the most of the short time the FPB has together. Jason continued to report that the four areas of focus are: Child Protection & Well Being; Juvenile Justice & “At Risk” Youth; Mental Health & Substance Abuse; and Income Supports & Basic Needs. Jason, Catherine and Tita went over the 6 common goals from the strategic planning discussions which are (power point attached):

1. Advocating on Policy Issues
2. Keeping Up to Date on Local Collaborations
3. Being Aware of Data & Trends
4. Understanding the Service Continuum
5. Sharing Knowledge
6. Supporting Sub Committees

AGENCY UPDATES:

Shelia Garrity announced she will be retiring and Jamie Schloegel will replace her on the Family Policy Board.

Regina Siegel announced the Rebuilding for Learning Summit will be held August 31, 2017. This is a full day event and is free of charge.

Ann Kappauf announced New Horizon's 2nd annual Victory over Violence Gala & Auction will be held 3/11/17 at the Radisson Ballroom.

Catherine Kolkmeier announced the Health Science Consortium's Health Summit is April 7, 2017 at the Lunda Center from 8:00-12:15. You can contact Joanne Sandvick at jsandvick@uwlax.edu to register. The topic will be on "Community Assets". The event is free and light refreshments will be provided.

ADJOURN

Catherine Kolkmeier adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.