

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, September 10, 2018

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tita Yutuc, Jason Witt, Barbara Mc Peak, Mary Kay Wolf, Carrie Jick, Derek Kruempel, Stacy “Sassy” Smith, Ann Kappauf, Gloria Doyle, Elizabeth Wright, Chris Crye, Kristi Arenz, Troy Harcey, Ashley Santolin, Nicole Brei, Jennifer Loging, Lisa Duncanson, Todd Bjerke, Bridget Todd

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Emily McGonigle, Philip Stegemann, Christin Skolnik, Majel Hein, Rachel Klistau

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tita Yutuc called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Carrie Jick and Lisa Duncanson to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Sharon Hampson

No update at this time.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

There have been several stories in the media regarding the opioid and meth epidemics the effects of which continue to be felt statewide and are impacting many county budgets as well as staff retention. The Wisconsin Counties Association has adopted as their number one priority advancing a budget proposal for additional resources and other reforms supporting county Child Protective Services through this epidemic. Judge Bjerke added that, locally, the Overdose Death Review Committee is looking for patterns and ways to reduce or reverse the overdose trend.

Family and Children’s Section Update: Tracy Puent

La Crosse County continues to have an extremely high volume of babies born addicted with the prominent addictions being Meth and THC. In the last 4 – 6 week period there were a total of 20 children born addicted including Mayo and Gundersen in comparison to the norm of 1 or 2 babies born addicted each month.

COLLABORATION PRESENTATION: Youth Innovation Project

Emily McGonigle, Philip Stegemann, and Bridget Todd presented on the Youth Innovation Project. 3 handouts were provided – Functional Family Therapy, Functional Family Probation (to be referred to as Case Management) and Collaboration by Systems. The YIP represents a fundamental philosophical shift to working with families to build informal community based supports as opposed to working strictly with the children in formal settings. They are in the beginning stages of vendor determination for therapy services. In addition a LTE is being hired to take on a portion of Bridget Todd’s truancy caseload to allow her time to focus on the project.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: Finding HOME

Presented by Majel Hein from Marine Credit Union. Pamphlet, print out, and business card were provided. HOME stands for Hope, Opportunity, Mastery, and Empowerment. 24 slots are open (5 have been filled) with the goal of getting people to home ownership. After meeting with Majel some early participants were found to be eligible for other options and were immediately referred and set on the path to homeownership without having to use the Finding HOME service. The 6 requirements of participants that were not listed in the handouts include:

- 1) Remain in the program for 6 months
- 2) Have at least 3 interactions with the financial literacy counselor per month
- 3) Attend all 5 classroom education sessions
- 4) Make visible progress in financial situation
- 5) Open and maintain on time payments of a CD secured loan within 3 months of entering program
- 6) "Practice" by actually saving an estimated mortgage payment for 90 days prior to applying for a mortgage

QUARTERLY DATA DASHBOARD & AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

09/15, Dahl Automotive 10th Annual Lube-A-Thon fundraiser for FCC, all Dahl locations

09/21, West Salem Boys and Girls Club Open House

10/09, Voices of Men – Call to Action to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Cargill room at the Waterfront

10/29, Annual Rebuilding for Learning Summit, La Crosse Center

10/29, "Building Community, Building Hope"

11/10, BACA Annual Soup Tasting Fund Raiser, All Star Lanes and Banquets

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018, AT NOON

Chairperson Tita Yutuc adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Approved October 01, 2018, Rachel Klistai, Recorder