

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5, 2011

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Janet Chaney, Chris Clair, Chris Crye, Rande Daykin, Mike Desmond, Gloria Doyle, James Falvey, Sheila Garrity, Beth Hartung, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Janet Kusch, Stephanie Mancuso, Mary Meehan-Strub, Linnea Moren, Debbie Olufs, Pat Ruda, Mike Schnitzius, Ruthann Schultz, Jeffrey Trotnic, Denis Tucker for Bridget Todd, Julie Van Dunk, Jodi Widuch and Jason Witt

CALL TO ORDER

Grace Jones called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2011 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/07/11 MEETING

MOTION by James Falvey/Pat Ruda to approve the November 7, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Grace Jones announced that the last meeting for which she will be the Family Policy Board Chairperson is May 2, 2012. The Vice Chairperson, Mike Desmond, will become the Chairperson at the June meeting and serve a two year term. We will need to replace Mike as the Vice Chairperson. Grace asked for volunteers to run for the position of Vice Chairperson. It is a two year term, followed by becoming the Chairperson for a two year term.

Grace Jones introduced Debbie Olufs to do the agency presentation for Gundersen Lutheran.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN: DEBBIE OLUFS

- Debbie Olufs reports that she works in Pediatric Specialties and that they offer Child Life Specialists who work with kids who are having scary procedures, i.e., blood draws, invasive tests, etc.
- They offer Nursing Care Coordinators who work with kids with pretty extensive special needs.
- The Learning and Developmental Diagnostic Center works with children with special needs.
- They work closely with Behavioral Health.
- They offer eating disorders clinic.
- They offer a Parent Group for parents with children who have dyslexia.
- They offer the "Peace for Parents" group for parents with children with autism.
- Debbie reports that she is on the board for the Children's Miracle Network hospitals. This board will help with items that are needed for children that may not be covered by insurance, etc. You can contact Debbie Olufs at dolufs@gundluth.org if you have a child in need of special equipment, medical items, etc.
- They work with the Hope School in Holmen for Pregnant Teens.
- Debbie Olufs provided several handouts of services provided by Pediatric Specialties.
- For more information about any of these services contact Debbie Olufs at (608) 775-2916 or dolufs@gundluth.org.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: ANN KRAMER

Ann Kramer reports that they had set 3 goals for 2011 and have met the 1st and 2nd goals and the 3rd goal will go into 2012 and that being the "Single Point of Entry" for consumers.

Ann Kramer reports that they have invited to their subcommittee representatives from Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and Couleecap.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Jill Billings**

Jill Billings was not present at today's meeting.

- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**

- The 2012 Human Services Budget has been approved.
- Jason went through a Power Point presentation that highlighted the challenges and outcome of the 2012 budget process for Human Services.
- The presentation showed that despite significant financial challenges, Human Services was able to maintain and in some areas enhance its service array by employing the following strategies: (1) doing "different with less" as opposed to "more with less", and (2) Identifying "sweet spots", which are areas where program delivery could be modified in a way that reduces cost and maintains quality vs. across the board funding reductions, which can water-down service quality and decrease staff morale.
- The Department has hired a new Juvenile Justice Supervisor, Mandy Bisek, who was promoted from her role as juvenile justice social worker in that same unit.

- **Family and Children's Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**

Nancy Pohlman was not present at today's meeting.

AGENCY UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS: ALL

Grace Jones talked about the letter regarding Medicaid/BadgerCare which was sent in draft form to the Committee. Grace reports that they are working with someone from the State to get numbers regarding the economic impact this will have on individuals and the community. The plan is to send the letter to legislators, community leaders and the media. Grace asked that if anyone has any ideas they'd like added to the letter or changes they think should be made to the letter to contact her via email at grace.jones@couleecap.org.

Rande Daykin of Western Technical College states they want to increase the diversity on their board so if you know of anyone that would be a good fit for this board please contact Rande Daykin at (608) 785-9876 or Daykinr@westerntc.edu.

ADJOURN: Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. by Grace Jones

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 6, 2011

Approved – February 6, 2012, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder