

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, November 7, 2011

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

1:10 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Bjerke, James Falvey, Maureen Freedland, Sheila Garrity, Grace Jones, Mike Schnitzius, Gaye Tylka and Jason Witt

**GUESTS:** Lorie Graff and Mary Meehan-Strub

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jill Billings, Janet Chaney, Chris Clair, Jeff Trotnic and Jodi Widuch

### **APPROVAL OF 10/03/11 MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mike Schnitzius/James Falvey to approve the October 3, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **BADGER CARE/MEDICAID**

- **Impact**
- **Advocacy**

This committee discussed in great length today the idea of the Family Policy Board drafting a letter regarding our concerns regarding the cuts to BadgerCare and Medicaid. The question was asked “who would we send the letter to”; suggestions were legislators, community leaders and a letter to the editor/editorial.

James Falvey stated that he would talk to Rusty at the La Crosse Tribune regarding the editorial.

It was suggested that we line up a story to portray the real life implications these cuts would have on families.

Mike Schnitzius stated that he would talk to Sandy Brekke, Clinic Director of the St. Clair Health Mission to find out how this would impact her patients/clients.

It was suggested that we have the Tribune do an editorial and have them talk to citizens, the medical facilities and business, etc. on how these cuts would impact them.

It was suggested that we get someone from the hospitals to help get the point across on how these cuts will affect the community, businesses, etc. James Falvey stated that he would check into this.

It was asked, what do we want his letter to do.

Grace Jones stated to “Raise Awareness” and “What this means to the community as a whole”.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

**Approved** – December 5, 2011, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder