

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, February 6, 2012

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Beard, Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Tina Cannon, Janet Chaney, Rande Daykin, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Mary Fitzpatrick, Pam Foegen, Maureen Freedland, Sheila Garrity, Lorie Graff, Karl Green, Troy Harcey, Grace Jones, Larry Kirch, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Janet Kusch, Stephanie Mancuso, Mary Meehan-Strub, Jeff Murawski, Cheryl Neubauer, Nancy Pohlman, Mike Schnitzius, Ruthann Schultz, Cinda Todd, Denis Tucker, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt and Aimee Zabrowski

CALL TO ORDER

Grace Jones called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the December 5, 2011 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12/05/11 MEETING

MOTION by Maureen Freedland/Sheila Garrity to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

HEALTH SUMMIT: CATHERINE KOLKMEIER

Catherine Kolkmeier stated that she'd like to invite everyone to attend the 4th Annual Health Summit on Friday, March 23, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lunda Center at Western Technical College. The Guest Speaker will be John Mc Knight speaking on "Discovering Community Power".

SIGNING UP FOR AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

A sign-up sheet was passed around during today's meeting to sign up for Agency Presentations for the rest of 2012. This information will be sent as an attachment with these meeting minutes to committee members.

MIKE DESMOND ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mike Desmond announced that Grace Jones' last meeting as the Chair of this committee is May 7, 2012; then Mike Desmond will begin chairing this committee for the next 2 year term. Pat Ruda has expressed interest in being the vice-chair of this committee.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE REPORT: CHRIS CRYE

Chris Crye was unable to make it to today's meeting; therefore there will be no update at this time.

SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY PROJECT-STATUS UPDATE: Jason Witt/Coordination of Services Committee

Jason Witt reports that the Single Point of Entry Initiative SOAT is an:

- Integrated model of service delivery;
- Will improve coordination of services;
- Avoids repetition;
- Better captures an immediate holistic view of a client's needs;
- Consolidates reception areas, making better use of the Human Services' physical plan; and
- Result in better integration of after hours systems.

We will be looking at Community Collaboration: how to become more seamless in referrals to the community; could we all use a "single universal referral form".

This committee has talked about Sharing the Resource Databases for example ADRC (Adult Services) uses "Quick Find" database. Youth Services – to be developed, potentially in coordination with Great Rivers 2-1-1.

Cheryl Neubauer, Supervisor of the SOAT (Service Options Assessment Team)

Cheryl Neubauer provided a Power Point presentation regarding the SOAT:

- They will be redesigning the Main Lobby Area.
- There will be 5 staff people for SOAT.
- They will implement a resource database.
- They will do Access/Intake.
- They will provide a kids play area in the lobby.
- If anyone is interested in being involved in the Coordination of Services Committee please contact Jason Witt jwitt@lacrossecounty.org or Ann Kramer alkramer@gundluth.org

FOLLOW-UP TO REBUILDING FOR LEARNING SUMMIT-STATUS UPDATE: JASON WITT

Troy Harcey of the La Crosse School District talked about the Rebuilding for Learning Summit we had last August 2011 and some of the top items people felt were important:

- 1) Collaboration/Communication, agencies and schools, etc.
- 2) Creation of Website – more user friendly.
- 3) May have High School students develop the website (they have some kids that have excellent technological skills).
- 4) Working on a "student survey".
- 5) Working on a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to have the ability to communicate between schools and agencies, etc.
- 6) Dane County has a program already in place and we are looking at this to avoid reinventing the wheel.

Troy Harcey reports that they have a video from the Summit and if anyone would like to see the video they can contact Troy Harcey at tharcey@lacrosseschools.org.

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**

- Jason Witt reports that our Economic Support Department underwent a big change as of January 3, 2012 they are collaborating with 7 other counties in the Western Region for Economic Assistance.
- We are directing folks for Economic Support to the website or phone number on the handout provided today.
- Family Care Caps – we had no wait lists. Other counties had larger wait lists. The Feds are saying “no caps” per waiver for Family Care.
- MA Changes/Waiver – Feds partially approved. If people have access to other insurance they will go there.
- Lorie Graff reported that the State turned down \$37 million to develop Wisconsin's Health Care Exchange to provide a more seamless marketplace for accessing health insurance under the President's health care reforms.
- There was discussion today by this group about sending a letter from the Family Policy Board to highlight the broader implications; the higher costs get passed to everyone and to look at the study that has been done. Report how big of an affect/impact it will have on the entire community as a whole. Jason Witt reports that they had a meeting with the hospital partners and they were not in agreement with some of the report's findings.

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

Nancy Pohlman was not able to provide updates due to the late time of this meeting.

AGENCY UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS: ALL

Table until our next meeting.

ADJOURN: Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Grace Jones

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2012

Approved: March 5, 2012, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder