

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, November 5, 2012

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Boehm, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debbie Garrison, Sheila Garrity, Troy Harcey, Karin Johnson, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Janet Kusch, Lyndsey Langer, Lorie Lautz, Kathryn Mayer, Mary Meehan-Strub, Linnea Miller, Tom Miller, Christi Nowland, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Dean Ruppert, Regina Siegel, Sarah Spah, Beth Sullivan, Bridget Todd, Jeffrey Trotnic and Mary Kay Wolf

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order and then asked for a motion to approve the October 1, 2012 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/01/12 MEETING

MOTION by Mary Kay Wolf/Christi Knowland to approve the October 1, 2012 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

AGENCY PRESENTATION: GARRISON COUNSELING: Debbie Garrison and Christi Nowland

- Debbie Garrison reports that she has managed a group home, and worked for Franciscan Skemp/Mayo for 12 years and then began her own business.
- She has worked a lot with mental illnesses.
- She has provided couples therapy.
- She has worked with at risk youth.
- She worked at Logan and Lincoln Middle Schools as a social worker for 5 years.
- Garrison Counseling works with most insurances.
- Garrison Counseling is located downtown at 319 Main Street.
- Her colleagues are Christi Nowland and Tamara Hill.
- Christi Nowland reports that she came to Garrison Counseling after working at Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center.
- She worked at the Children's Hospital in St. Paul for 12 years.
- She is an adjunct professor at Winona State University.
- Garrison Counseling can get kids in very quickly; within a week.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Karin Johnson**

Karin Johnson reports that the County Board is currently working on cleaning up the ordinances.

- **HS Director Update: Dean Ruppert**

Dean Ruppert reports that he is sitting in on the Family Policy Board meeting for Jason Witt as Jason had to go to Madison today regarding the Income Maintenance Contract.

Dean Ruppert reports that Income Maintenance is struggling with meeting performance expectations and will be adding/hiring two additional people to assist with the Economic Systems Consortium. This is an 8 County Consortium.

The Consortium will be doing a Child Care Pilot.

- They will regionalize Child Care.
- They are looking at a variance for Child Care authorization reviews.
- They are looking at a Consortium as 1 budget, etc.
- They hope to centralize fraud in Child Care Programs with having only 1 process.
- The Call Center will have a prompt for "Child Care Issues" and the person would be transferred to the Child Care staff.
- Performance Measures Criteria: Timeliness of calls, meeting consumer needs, etc.

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

- Family and Children's Section just had a Quality Service Review (QSR) on October 15th through the 18th.
- They provided preliminary findings: things went well and we received good feedback, we did not get the participation from the community providers like we had hoped.
- Keith Keller, Supervisor of the Children with Special Needs Unit will be retiring January 4, 2013.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

Mental Health & Substance Abuse: Mike Desmond reports that they have had a lot of discussion up to this point.

- Pat Ruda reports that they have had a lot of discussion regarding "who are we?", "do we have the right people there" and "who should be there".
- (1) We need communication in all our County. Who is/who should be at their table. Indicator: report in from present members, who are responsible persons to deliver these communications. They plan to meet these needs in January 2013.
- 2) Plug into current "Barriers to Learning" that included La Crosse County, City of La Crosse, La Crosse School District and community agencies. They'd like to have that presentation to the Family Policy Board in January 2013.
- Their next meeting they will work on #3, another planned action.

Economic Security:

- Mary Kay Wolf reports that they talked about what is an outcome vs. a goal, etc.
- They came up with two outcomes:
 - 1) Improving job preparedness and get representatives from WTC, school reps, employment agencies, etc.
 - 2) Creating a system for financial literacy and bring in representatives from the banking industry, consumer credit counseling, etc.
- They will be discussing this further.

Safe & Healthy Environment:

- Read Adverse Childhood Experiences "What Happened to You?" and how this impacts the community.
- What services are currently provided and where are there gaps.
- Looking at different age groups of kids and their needs.

Mary Meehan-Strub reports that she thinks the work groups did very well and that it initially is a challenge. You will be able to look back and see what your outcomes have been.

Ann Kramer encouraged work groups to use the 2-1-1 database as it will provide a great deal of information about what services are already out there and may help the work groups figure out where the gaps in services are.

HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET: Dean Ruppert

Dean Ruppert reports the following:

- The budget is not yet finalized.
- Jason Witt will provide a full presentation in December.
- We are involved in a new collaboration called the Western Region Integrated Care (WRIC); it is a three year grant for the following counties: La Crosse, Jackson and Monroe.
- It is a sustainable program for mental health and substance abuse.
- It will be more consistent with eligibility, services, etc.
- We are looking at four things:
 - 1) Equitable and coordinated funding.
 - 2) Ample access to services for mental health treatment and substance abuse treatment.
 - 3) A shared service delivery model.
 - 4) Look at improved outcomes.
- There will be new staff: A Quality Assurance Specialist and a Financial Manager and there will be an integrated IT product.
- Matt Strittmater is a great lead person on this project.
- Jason Witt will provide further updates at future meetings.

AGENCY UPDATES:

- Mary Kay Wolf reports that November 15th is the Tribute to Outstanding Women Event at the La Crosse Center. This has been going on for approximately 30 years.
- Beth Sullivan reports that they received the "Youthful Grant". They released the 2012 State of the Work Force report.

ADJOURN: Today's meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by Mike Desmond

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3, 2012

Approved: December 3, 2012, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder