

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, December 3, 2012

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Vicki Burke, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Mike Desmond, Megan De Vore, Gloria Doyle, Sheila Garrity, Beth Hartung, Karin Johnson, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Lyndsey Langer, Lorie Lautz, Keith Lease, Linnea Miller, Tom Miller, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Regina Siegel, Sarah Spah, Beth Sullivan, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt and Mary Kay Wolf

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order and then asked for a motion to approve the November 5, 2012 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/05/12 MEETING

MOTION by Karin Johnson/Regina Siegel to approve the November 5, 2012 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mike Desmond introduced a new member to the Family Policy Board, Keith Lease, Director of Coulee Council on Addictions. Keith Lease reported that he has a history of working with individuals with addictions in an outpatient setting and at the Coulee Youth Center.

SIGN UP FOR MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE: Karin Johnson reports that herself and Janet Chaney met this morning as the Marketing subcommittee and talked about developing a tool that explains what the Family Policy Board does and looking at bringing some other community organizations to the table to be on this subcommittee. Their next meeting is Monday, January 7, 2013 in Room 2100 of the Health and Human Services Building.

Karin Johnson sent around a sign-up sheet for the Marketing Subcommittee that she is establishing to look at marketing the Family Policy Board and its mission in the community. The following people are signed up for the Marketing subcommittee: Karin Johnson, Mike Desmond, Jason Witt, Keith Lease, Sheila Garrity and Janet Chaney.

SIGN UP FOR 2013 AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

Mike Desmond sent around a sign-up sheet for Family Policy Board members to sign up if they would like to do an agency presentation next year at the Family Policy Board meetings. We have the following agencies signed up.

Monday, January 7, 2013 – No one signed up for January.

Monday, February 4, 2013 – Family and Children's Center

Monday, March 4, 2013 – The Parenting Place

Monday, April 1, 2013 – YWCA

Monday, May 6, 2013 – Boys and Girls Club

Monday, June 3, 2013 – Workforce Connections

Monday, July 1, 2013 – NO MEETING

Monday, August 5, 2013 – No one signed up for August.

Monday, September 2, 2013 – NO MEETING/LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, October 7, 2013 – New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers

Monday, November 4, 2013 – AMS of Wisconsin

Monday, December 2, 2013 – La Crosse County Health Department

AGENCY PRESENTATION: LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Sheila Garrity

- Sheila Garrity reports that the Community Foundation does an annual report every year and for more information regarding this you can go to <http://laxcommfoundation.com>.
- They have a grant application online at <http://laxcommfoundation.com>.
- They are a public charity with a Board of 11 people.
- They provide 8 million dollars in endowments and have 4 staff people, 1 full time and 3 part time.
- All assets are permanent endowments.
- They look at community needs.
- The Community Foundation is a donor to schools, Human Service agencies, Parks, etc.
- Heather Quackenboss is on the Grant Application Committee. Each quarter this committee reviews grant applications and the Board decides the outcomes.
- Their future goals are to stay in front of issues and remain proactive.
- One of the positives in their organization is their collaboration with our community.
- Go to <http://laxcommfoundation.com> for more information regarding the La Crosse Community Foundation.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

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

Karin Johnson reports that the County Board is having a special meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 to discuss the Health Effects of Frac Sand Mining. This meeting is from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in B190 of the La Crosse County Administrative Building.

Karin Johnson reports that she and Monica Kruse went to a training about Healthy Families. The issues discussed were health issues and the increase in health care costs. The effects of cuts in Medicare and how this will then go to the counties. They discussed childhood obesity.

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

Nancy Pohlman reports that she is working on hiring for the Children with Special Needs Unit Supervisor as Keith Keller the current supervisor of the Children with Special Needs Unit will be retiring January 4, 2013.

- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**

Jason Witt provided an update on the workgroup created by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson to work with the WREA Income Maintenance Consortium on child care administration. Secretary Anderson created this workgroup in response to a request from WREA to explore changes that could improve the administration of child care in the Western Region due to WREA's unique collaborative model. Positive progress is being made and we expect to be able to report soon on whether DCF will be allowing rule waivers that will make some of these improvements possible.

HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET: JASON WITT

Jason Witt provided a Power Point presentation at today's meeting highlighting local human services trends, the impact on the Human Services budget of state and federal funding, and changes that are part of the 2013 Human Services budget recently approved by the County Board.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

Due to the limited time Mike Desmond asked each Work Group to just provide information as to whether things were going good or not so good. The responses are as follows:

Mental Health & Substance Abuse: Good

Economic Security: Good

Safe & Healthy Environment: Good

ADJOURN: Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Mike Desmond

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 7, 2013

Approved: January 7, 2013, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder