

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 6, 2012

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

1:25 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Bjerke, Janet Chaney, Maureen Freedland, Sheila Garrity, Grace Jones, Mike Schnitzius, Jodi Widuch and Jason Witt

**GUESTS:** Lorie Graff, Karl Green and Mary Meehan-Strub

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jill Billings, Chris Clair, James Falvey, Jeff Trotnick and Gaye Tylka

### **APPROVAL OF 12/05/11 MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Jodi Widuch/Mike Schnitzius to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **UPDATES ON MA CHANGES/PLAN FOR THIS GROUP**

- We wanted an academic report and we have received the report.
- We had a meeting with the hospitals and the hospitals were not in agreement with all of the findings of the report.
- Grace Jones stated that she feels that the Family Policy Board should talk about this report, etc. 1) because we care about people and 2) the employment piece.
- Grace Jones states that she feels comfortable talking about this report with the Family Policy Board members and feels that we should let the hospitals know that we are moving forward with the report. Mike Schnitzius stated that he feels we should move forward with the report and that we should force the issue.
- Mike Schnitzius stated that we should put the information in front of the public and let the hospitals know we are doing this and let them provide their own information in reference to this. We need to let the people know this report is online.
- It was suggested that we talk about this report at the March 5, 2012 Family Policy Board meeting and invite the hospitals to attend the meeting.
- Grace Jones stated that we need to push back and let people know that these cuts are unacceptable.

There was then some discussion about what we should do next:

1) Release the report to the Family Policy Board; Motion to approve this idea Mike Schnitzius/Jason Witt made the motion to approve; **motion carried unanimously.**

2) Grace Jones and Lorie Graff agreed to talk to the media as the face for the Family Policy Board. We will talk about this further at our next meeting and invite the hospitals to our next meeting.

3) Grace Jones talked about how we should form a Subcommittee around this topic. We will talk about this further at our next meeting.

**ACTION PLAN FOR 2012**

This agenda item will be put on the next agenda in March 2012.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

**Approved:** March 5, 2012, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder