

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD**

Monday, February 3, 2020

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tita Yutuc, Kristi Arenz, Sue Mathison, Heather Quackenboss, Teresa Pierce, Tracy Puent, Jenni Loging, Ann Kappauf, Megan DeVore, Jane Klekamp, Mandy Bisek, Gloria Doyle, Isaac Hoffman, Mary Kay Wolf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Chris Crye, Elizabeth Wright, Jason Witt, Sharon Hampson, Jodi Widuch, Vie Matty, Lacie Ketelhut, Barbara McPeak, Hetti Brown, Karolee Behringer, Bridget Todd, Nicole Brei

### **GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT**

Melissa Myers – Workforce Development Board, Matt Numenel – Workforce Development Board, Leisha Lucas – Garrison Counseling, Kelsey Whalen – Garrison Counseling, Katie Kress – Great Rivers United Way, Bethany Matsick – La Crosse County Human Services, Logan Bjerkos – La Crosse County Human Services

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Tita Yutuc called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Catherine Kolkmeier, seconded by Isaac Hoffman to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes as presented.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES**

**HHS Board Update:** No updates at this time per Sharon Hampson.

#### **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**

Scott Webb presented at the La Crosse County Human Services Trauma Informed Care Kick Off Event on January 8. His presentation was titled, "Putting the Humanity Back in Human Services," recognizing that years of resource challenges, automation, increased focus on documentation and other factors have made what we do less personal and connected. This comes at the time that science is showing us how a greater focus on relationships, building resilience, well-being and effectively responding to trauma can make human services more effective. The presentation included an overview of concepts related to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resilience and what it looks like to be a trauma responsive agency. Nearly all approximately 300 Human Services staff attended the training. The increased knowledge of Trauma Informed Care will be driving many changes to La Crosse County Human Services in the months and years to come.

#### **Family and Children's Section Update: Tracy Puent**

Tracy Puent introduced Bethany Matsick as a new Access Unit Supervisor. Bethany has been with the Family and Children's section for about five years. Tracy also reminded members that one role of the supervisors is to help educate the community. Feel free to contact her if you would like any trainings done for your staff regarding mandatory reporting or other Family and Children's Section issues.

### **PRESENTATION: Lisa Kilmer from the United States Census Bureau**

Lisa Kilmer, a Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau's Community Partnership and Engagement Program, provided information about the 2020 census. Her goal is to help every community to get the best count possible. The objective of the census is to count how many people reside in the United States. Those numbers are then used to distribute over 675 billion dollars in federal funds to communities each year for programs that support education, housing, health facilities, transportation, food assistance, and more. Many of the programs and services our agencies provide tie back to census data in some manner so please encourage everyone to fill out their questionnaire.

The survey will arrive in the form of a letter to a physical address, not to a post office box or by telephone. The census will ask for the name, sex, date of birth, and race of each person living in a household. The questionnaire will also ask what type of housing you live in and for one phone number for the household. The census *will not ask* for your social security number, household income information, for money or bank account information, or whether you are a citizen. The census partners with other federal agencies to ensure no personal information is shared. In addition, data is held 72 years before it is released for public uses like ancestry searches.

The city and county are tasked with making an extra effort to count certain demographics such as individuals who are currently homeless. Public libraries will be having census events to assist people in these hard to reach categories to complete surveys. Coulee CAP will also be aiding their clientele to ensure they respond and are counted. The census bureau itself takes care of counting people in group living situations such as nursing facilities, college dormitories, and group homes.

Information about the count and employment opportunities can be found at <https://2020census.gov>. Lisa Kilmer can be reached at (262) 227-3622 if you have additional questions or would like to arrange a census education event.

### **AGENCY ROUNDTABLE**

- Per Hetti Brown eight appropriation bills for homeless issues were signed by the governor but due to special rules must have senate approval before release. Seven of the bills have to do with funding services. The remaining bill, Senate Bill 119, is a shelter subsidy and has not been approved yet. Shelters currently receiving this subsidy would see a 50% increase in their funding if it is approved. After discussion it was decided that Hetti will author a draft letter of support for the appropriation bills. The draft will include the names of agencies represented on the Family Policy Board. As the draft circulates please express to Tita if you prefer your agency name be withheld.
- Tita led a review of the questions and responses from the December meeting about how the board wants to be made aware of and use data. Next month a draft plan will be presented on how to incorporate data into the 2020 meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020, AT NOON**

Chairperson Tita Yutuc adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

**Approved** March 2, 2020, Rachel Klistai, Recorder