

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, February 4, 2019

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, Chris Crye, Tracy Puent, Jenni Loging, Mandy Bisek, Isaac Hoffman, Kristi Arenz, Gloria Doyle, Sharon Hampson, Elizabeth Wright, Teresa Pierce, Ann Kappauf, Ashley Santolin, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carrie Jick, Hetti Brown, Jodi Widuch, Mary Kay Wolf, Megan Devore, Stacy "Sassy" Smith, Sue Mathison, Jane Klekamp

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Lorie Graf, Trica Wavra

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ann Kappauf and Sharon Hampson to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Sharon Hampson - Alliance to Heal is making great progress working towards goals of changing the opioid situation for the community.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt – La Crosse County will continue to watch with interest as Governor Evers prepares to submit a two year state budget. Lorie Graff provided an update on Economic Support policy issues related to both the state and federal budgets. Policy issues to watch include:

1. Work requirements for FoodShare and BadgerCare
 - a. www.healthinsurance.org/Wisconsin-medicaid
 - b. http://Docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/January_2019/0051_the_federal_affordable_care_act_informational_paper_51.pdf
2. Medicaid Coverage for AODA residential services
3. Medicaid expansion
4. Government shut down and the impact on FoodShare.

Please see the additional handout prepared by Lorie entitled Economic Support Policy Issues to Watch for a more complete overview. It is noteworthy that Governor Evers ran on a platform to expand Medicaid however the Republican controlled legislature is likely to oppose many provisions.

Family and Children's Section Update: Tracy Puent - Family and Children's Section managers, supervisors and social workers all wrote letters to Governor Evers as part of a campaign to educate legislators on the importance of child welfare from a worker's perspective.

SUMMARY OF GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE FAMILY POLICY BOARD

During the January 7th meeting a small group break out session was held to allow discussions about what the priorities of the board should be for the next two years. Six previous priorities and activity areas were reviewed by the groups. Jason Witt and Tita Yutuc compiled and shared the groups comments from those six areas:

1. Advocating on policy issues
2. Keeping up to date on local collaborations
3. Being aware of data and trends
4. Understanding the services continuum
5. Sharing knowledge
6. Supporting the sub committees.

After further group discussion the tentative focus for the 2019-2020 Family Policy Board will include a greater emphasis on policy and trauma informed care, continued inclusion of data trends, information on collaborations, and department updates. The group also requested a specific (computer) location at which they could access applicable data trends. Jason will be looking into this. There will be a de-emphasis on the sub committees although the information from Economic Support subcommittee will continue to be provided to the board. Areas regarding advocacy may potentially be tied into legislative topics. As the legislature determines its priorities, we can find places that feel important to us as a group and get behind them to influence legislatures and policy. In consideration of this it was suggested that we add a "Policies to Watch" section to the Family Policy Board meeting agenda.

QUARTERLY DATA DASHBOARD & AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

The Better Together collaborative is offering Foundation 1 sessions of the Resilient and Trauma Informed Community. Registrations can be found at: <https://bettertogetherlacrosse.org/#events>.

The Better Together collaborative is hosting a full day of training for Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid on May 22. Registrations can be found at: <https://bettertogetherlacrosse.org/#events>.

Gloria Doyle relayed information for the La Crosse Tribunes article Justice at Risk. Currently Wisconsin has the lowest compensation rate for attorneys serving as public defenders. Lawyers in La Crosse lose money when they take on cases from the Public Defender's Office because the \$40 an hour doesn't cover overhead such as office rent, malpractice insurance, student loans, etc. and the community is suffering as a result. The full article can be read at: https://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/justice-at-risk-private-attorneys-say-low-pay-means-they/article_3301bc22-a5a6-50ef-b17d-9fb74da4ffb6.html

La Crosse County Health Department – Jenni Loging reports that no services have been delayed for the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program despite the government shutdown. They do have some contingency plans if the federal government has a second shut down.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019, AT NOON

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

Approved: Monday March 4, 2019, Rachel Klistau, Recorder