

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD**

Monday, August 7, 2023

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Zoom)

Meeting Held via Zoom

12:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kristi Arenz, Claire Bakalars, Mike Baroni, Sandy Brekke, Hetti Brown, Lauren Cooper Stoll, Chris Crye, Liz Evans, Darrell Ferguson, Ann Kappauf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Audra Martine, Vie Matty, Eric Sanford, Jodi Widuch, and Jason Witt

## **GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT**

Haley Messenger and Kendra Swenson

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ann Kappauf called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Catherine Kolkmeier and Jodi Widuch to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**HHS Board Update:** Michael Baroni shared with the group that at the July Health and Human Services Board they approved the Resolution Re Authorizing Acceptance of Additional Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Funding From Wisconsin Department of Health Services to receive additional funding totaling \$56,779 to be used immediately to support the continuation of mental health technician in the Community Support Program and to purchase mandatory procedural code subscription for electronic health record.

**HS Director Update:** None at this time.

**HS Service Section Update:** None at this time.

## **Nomination and Election of New Family Policy Board Chair:**

- Incoming Chairperson effective September 2023 – Hetti Brown will take over this position.
- Nominations for new Vice Chairperson – Hetti Brown nominated Liz Evans. MOTION by Catherine Kolkmeier, seconded by Jodi Widuch to approve the nomination of Liz Evans as the new Vice Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

**City - County Partnership to Address Homelessness - Presentation and Discussion:** Jason Witt shared an informational PowerPoint presentation that can be found here: <https://lacrossecounty.org/docs/default-source/human-services/08-07-2023-fpb-presentation.pdf>

**State Biennial Budget Update – Childcare:** Jodi Muth, Executive Director of the Parenting Place shared with the group that the program Childcare Counts will not be in the next budget cycle, this may cause childcare providers to shut their doors or increase their rates by 20-25%.

## **AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Liz Evans shared with the group that the United Way “2024 Compass Now” assessment has been posted on their website, for more information or to take the survey, click this link: <https://www.greatriversunitedway.org/our-work/community-needs-assessment/>
- Save the Date! The New Horizons Galentine’s Day Brunch is February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024
- The 2023 Poverty Matters Conference will be held on September 27-28, 2023 (<https://povertymatters.events/>)
- The Family Bridge Housing Program has kicked off and they are hoping to have families in homes within the next couple of months.

**ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, AT NOON. Note:** You will receive an updated meeting invite from Tiffany Cornell – the meetings will no longer be held via zoom; they will be Microsoft Teams meetings.

Chairperson Ann Kappauf adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.

**Approved** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Bailey McNamer, Recorder