

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, March 4th, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Microsoft Teams)

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristi Arenz, Mike Baroni, Sandy Brekke, Hetti Brown, Chris Crye, Liz Evans, Darrell Ferguson, Amanda Holmgaard, Dawn Kay, Carla Lundeen, Audra Martine, Emily Meyer, Jeanne Meyer, Mary Rohrer, Eric Sanford, Stephany Stordahl, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, BACA Member-Lurch

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Philip Stegemann, Lt. Linnea Miller, Lilly Halvorson (intern with Catherine Kolkmeier)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mike Baroni and Jeanne Meyer to approve the February 5th, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HS Director Update: Jason Witt shared two legislative updates:

1. Legislation allowing Kinship Care payments to “like kin” has been passed by the Wisconsin Legislature with expected signature by Governor Evers; and
2. The Wisconsin Legislature recently held hearings on legislation authorizing the Department of Health Services to certify youth psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs) . This is aimed to address the large number of youth who are sent out of state due to the lack of in-state capacity and services to meet their unique needs.

HHS Board Update: None at this time.

Youth Justice Panel Discussion- Introduced by Jason Witt.

Presentation by Bridget Todd-Robbins, Philip Stegemann, Lt. Linnea Miller.

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Evans with United way – [Flyer](#) for La Crosse Community Communications.

Jodi Widuch- Family Fun Expo is this Sunday, March 10th, 11am-3pm, at the Onalaska Omni Center.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 1st, 2024, AT NOON.

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:57pm.

Approved April 1st, 2024, Bailey McNamer, Recorder.