

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—September 8 , 2014

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Gail Olson, Consumer; Renee Peters, DHHS Health Unit – Family Support/Birth-Three Program; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Director; Bridgette Fox, Parent; Robin Morris, Parent; Jana Tetzlaff, Clinical Services Unit Manager; Marian Sommerfeldt, Community Options, Inc.; Tara Eichstedt, DHHS CST Coordinator; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CLTS Care Manager; Cheryl Golding, Consumer; Philip Robinson, DHHS Deputy Director; Hope Prochnow, Parent; Lourdes Medina, DHHS Student Intern; Kathy Munsey, DHHS Health Unit; Mark Podoll, Green Lake County Sheriff's Department; Dick Trochinski, County Board; Brenda Scofield, Parent; Connie Anderson, Community Representative; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP; Shelby Jensen, DHHS Economic Support Unit Manager; Luleta Mena, DHHS Student Intern; Michelle O'Shasky and William Panke-Sutherland, Grassroots Empowerment Project

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:39 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made.

Representatives from the Grassroots Empowerment project, Michelle O'Shasky and William Park-Sutherland, Executive Director, were present to explain their project. It was explained that this included consumer participation involving mental health/substance abuse projects.

Make decisions

Parke-Sutherland explained what the Grassroots Empowerment Project does for those with mental health/substance abuse. It was explained that Facilitators facilitate the group meetings to go through the process and the group actually provides the content by participating and sharing ideas. Examples were given of group meetings and some of the activities that have been done. These meetings are paid for through grant funds.

Discussion followed.

Motion/second (Olson/Munsey) to support the initiative and set up a community forum to further explain the Grassroots Empowerment Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion/Second Anderson/Podoll) to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion/second (Beregszazi/Munsey) to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Coordinated Services Teams: Eichtstedt reported regarding the Coordinated Services teams reporting that there were 8 referrals and she is presently working with 3 families and possibly an additional 4th in the near future. Eichtstedt has contacted schools and boys & girls club for referrals. Brochures were distributed explaining the program. (See attached.)

Sleezer reported that the Children Come First conference is coming up and Family Resource Council family parent committee members are invited to attend.

Family Support: Peters reported regarding the Family Support Program. Peters reported that there are currently 9 children in the Family Support Program. Peters will be writing 4 additional plans this month. Peters explained that the Family Support Program has covered such things as respite, medical supplies specialized equipment, and individualized recreational opportunities through the Family Support Program this year..

Birth-Three: Peters explained the Birth-Three report that there are 18 active individual Birth to Three service plans in place.

Peters reported regarding the on-site review by the State. The State was impressed with the longevity of the program and advice was provided on how to enhance the program.

The annual survey will be sent out to consumers in the near future. Peters will present the results of the survey at a future meeting.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update: Malkowsky explained the CCS program to Committee members explaining that the CCS program serves individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse symptoms. The CCS Program helps the individual to return to the highest level of functioning. Malkowsky reported that there are 10 consumers in CCS program at the present time.

There was a Sub-Committee meeting held on July 9, 2014 to approve the updated policies.

Malkowsky reported that on August 6, 2014 the Regional CCS meeting was held. Malkowsky reported regarding the officers that were elected. This group will be meeting quarterly. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on October 6, 2014.

Robinson reported regarding Regional CCS certification. Robinson reported that the certification was successful for the Regional CCS group effective September 1, 2014.

Dissing reported regarding the Neshkoro Project, a 6 county consortium. The Neshkoro School is up for sale and the Regional Project will rent the school for a year and utilize for many different activities including crisis stabilization. Part of the school will be sublet to other individuals/groups.

Robinson reported regarding re-certification.

The Sub-Committee will need to meet to approve more policies as requested by the certifiers within 30 days of certification.

Health Unit:

Munsey reported that the Heroin summit will be held on October 15, 2014 at Berlin High School auditorium.

Munsey explained the “No Wrong Door Policy”. Munsey reported that they would like to implement this at the Department of Health & Human Services. Employees would be educated on how to be willing to help anyone regardless of who’s program/services it is=.

Munsey reported that the “Resolution Relating to Promoting a Health in All Policies(HiAP) Framework to Guide Policymaking” was approved by the Green Lake County Board.

The e-mail address for information regarding the Wellness Coalition is www.glcwc.org

Maternal Child Health Update: No discussion.

Current Issues:

ADVOCAP: Beregszazi reported that Headstart classes start next week.

Funds are available through ADVOCAP for families that find themselves in crisis of not paying their rent, etc. Discussion followed.

More information can be received from Jen Chatterton, Berlin ADVOCAP Office. (920)361 - 9880.

Beregszazi reported that there are home buyer and housing remodeling program funds available.

Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP purchased a house and will be remodel it.

Beregszazi reported regarding the father/family stability project.

Weatherization program helps those that are in need if they have applied for the Energy Assistance Program.

Robinson reported regarding the different program with Recidivism Reduction program that will be implemented - a community-based program from life experiences. Robinson explained the model to Committee members.

Sheriff’s Department No report.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled November 3, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion:

Motion/Second (Podoll/Munsey) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The discussion adjourned at 1:10 p.m.