

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—October 8, 2012

Present were: Connie Anderson, Parent; Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Dick Trochinski, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Gail Olson, Consumer; Kathy Munsey, DHHS Health Unit Manager; Renee Peters, DHHS Health Unit – Family Support/Birth-Three Program; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Director; Bridgette Fox, Parent; Ruth Topham, Health & Human Services Board; Jana Tetzlaff, Clinical Services Unit Manager; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Philip Robinson, DHHS Deputy Director; Shelby Jensen, DHHS Economic Support Unit Manager

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:41 a.m. by Anderson.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made. No quorum, no meeting, just discussion.

Approval of Agenda: None.

Approval/Action on Minutes: None.

Correspondence: None.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Family Support: Peters reported to Committee members that fourteen Family Support plans in place to provide funding for needs to support families caring for their children in the home. Peters reported that a special chair – “Height Right” will be purchased with funds for adaptive equipment for a consumer. Discussion followed.

Birth-Three: Peters reported that the Birth to 3 Program had 28 referrals. Peters reported that she did a mailing to physicians to remind what the Birth to 3 program is and to refer individuals/families to the Green Lake County Birth to 3 program.

Peters reported that the state continues to monitor County Birth to 3 Programs through PPS, the Program Participation System as well as audits and surveys. Last week we received our Determination Status for FFY 2010. Our county has met requirements based on data from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The letter and chart that analyzes Green Lake County’s performance on each Indicator was shared.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update: Tetzlaff reported that there are currently two families in the CCS program. There recently was a desk audit regarding the CCS program and all went well. Tetzlaff reported that providers will be reminded of the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program which is available for consumers. Discussion followed.

Health: Maternal Child Health Update: Munsey reported regarding the Healthy Babies Initiative. This involves presenting on adverse childhood experiences. There will be a presentation in the spring. Munsey explained how this ties into the Life Course Model which was presented at a previous meeting.

Munsey reported regarding the Community Needs Assessment. Munsey reported that data is being gathered and that a meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2012 to go through the needs assessment and get community input on how to proceed to work on goals. Munsey reported that there are 12 focus areas. The top 5 concerns so far are: #1 – Alcohol/drug use; #2 – lack of physical activity; #3 – Nutrition-Healthy Foods; #4 Healthy Growth and Development; and #5 Mental Health.

Munsey updated Committee members regarding the Oral Health Care program. The first dental clinic was recently held and was successful. Munsey reported that there is a program through the schools, “Smiles for Life” that provides dental services for school age children. Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that flu vaccines are being offered.

Munsey updated Committee members regarding the new changes effective October 1, 2012. Munsey reported regarding the immunization changes that take effect October 1, 2012. Individuals that have insurance need to go to their physician for the vaccines. Munsey explained further that there are some exceptions. It was explained what vaccines public health nurses can administer to adults.

Alternative Response Model: Sleezer explained the Alternative Response Model to Committee members. Sleezer reported that there have been trainings held recently. The Alternative Response Model is a different way to approach the family when there has been a report of abuse or neglect. A phone call is made and an appointment set up versus how it was previously done – surprise visit to family to interview/assess. Law enforcement will not accompany on the scheduled appointment to discuss the report. There is no finding in the alternative response model. The Alternative Response Model gives more alternatives to work with the family on an informal basis and defer from the Court system. There will be a community training on November 28, 2012.

Sleezer related some of the benefits of this Alternative Response Model: the family is more receptive and more willing to receive services. With this model, parents are more engaged in the process. The parents come up with the plan to keep the child safe with more informal supports. This is a statewide initiative. Discussion followed.

Resource Sharing: Current Issues:

Dissing reported that there is a new discount prescription drug program available in Green Lake County. ProAct is a discount drug program that is available to Green Lake County residents with no insurance or under-insured. This program also includes pet medications. Discussion followed.

Anderson reported regarding Advocap activities and numerous programs available. Anderson reported that Advocap Headstart is full. Discussion followed.

Jensen reported that the energy assistance program has begun. There will be 20 outreaches throughout the county through December. Jensen reported that the agency works with Advocap for furnace replacements. Jensen also noted that Advocap has a weatherization program with some funding available to Green Lake County residents.

Podoll reported that there has been training held on drug endangered children – what to look for, how to report, how to get more involved. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed regarding concerns regarding attendance at meetings and membership. Committee members will be notified regarding attendance at meetings.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion: CCS update; Health Assessment; budget; community response program per diem, Wait list policy

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.