

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—June 1, 2009

Present were: Gail Olson, Consumer; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Mike Maslowski, CCS Consumer; Connie Anderson, Parent; Tammy R. Smith, Parent; Fern Engel, Community Representative; Orrin Helmer, County Board Chair; Pat Riddell, CCS Consumer; Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Renee Peters, DHHS Birth-3 Coordinator; Norma Brewer, ADVOCAP Headstart; James A Warriner, CCS Consumer; Vanessa Schultz, DD/LTS Coordinator; Lindsay Loewe, Mental Health/AODA Counselor; Pam Cook, Parent; Mark Podell, Sheriff; Cindy Witt, Consumer; Linda Richards, Clinical Coordinator; Linda Van Ness, Director; Lisetta Aldridge, ADVOCAP; Valerie Donnelly, ADVOCAP; Molly Spaulding, U.W. Extension

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 11:45 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made. ADVOCAP representatives were present and introduced.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. After discussion, Warriner made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include IV-E/SSF Plan and Early Headstart. Anderson-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. After discussion, Anderson made a motion to approve the March 2, 2009 minutes. Engel-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Sommerfeldt opened the nominations for Chairman of the Family Resource Council. Smith made a motion to nominate Marian Sommerfeldt as Chairman. Maslowski-second. Sommerfeldt questioned three times if there were any other nominations. After discussion, Smith made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sommerfeldt for Chairman. Maslowski – second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sommerfeldt opened nominations for Vice Chairman of the Family Resource Council. Smith made a motion to nominate Connie Anderson for Vice Chairman. Maslowski-second. All ayes. Motion carried. Sommerfeldt questioned three times if there were any other nominations. After discussion, Smith made a motion to close the nominations. Maslowski – second. All ayes. Motion carried. Smith made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Anderson for Vice Chairman. Maslowski-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding nomination of Secretary. This will be done at the next meeting.

Correspondence: None.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Family Support: Schultz updated Committee members regarding the Family Support Program. Schultz reported that she is going through 12 applications. There are 7 referrals and 1 emergency referral.

Birth-Three: Peters reported that in April and May she had the opportunity to join Christine Bruenig, who is the Program Administrator of the North East Regional Center of Children and Youth with Special HealthCare Needs, to be a part of Physician, Practitioner and Staff training at the Markesan Regional Clinic and Community Health Network. The training was titled Promoting Child Development in the Primary Practice, which involved training the staff on the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire to formally screen children's overall development which is used when a child is initially referred to the Birth to Three program. Discussion followed.

Peters reported that she has had 16 referrals made to Birth to 3 so far this year and is currently serving 15 children with active IFSP's. There are 7 additional children who have been referred this past month, in the process of screening or evaluation.

Peters is completing the Birth to 3 Annual Self-Assessment Report which is due to the State by June 29th. Peters shared the results of the Parent Surveys that were sent out for this annual review.

Peters reported that 4K was approved for Berlin in April, but was quickly placed on hold again due to the governor's budget cuts to school districts. Discussion followed. Committee members will be updated when a final decision will be made.

Coordinated Services Team (CST)/Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update: Sleezer reported that there are 11 participants in the CCS program.

Sleezer reported that on March 4, 2009, a member of the State came to work on "Person Centered Planning" with the Consumer Group. The written report was reviewed. (See attached.)

Sleezer reported that there will be a training in the summer for consumers. The peer support group specialist was discussed. Green Lake County discussed the ROSI, a standardized assessment tool. Discussion followed regarding training. Malkowsky a copy which will be submitted by the group.

Further discussion took place regarding a stipend. There was no decision made. The consumers decided that the current amount of \$46.00 was sufficient.

Sleezer reported that there is a continuation of the Trauma Training.

Resource Sharing: Current Issues:

ADVOCAP - Lisetta Aldridge reported regarding ADVOCAP. Their agency can apply for early Headstart for the Green Lake/Fond du Lac area. Twelve children are in a home-based program. The early Headstart will serve pre-natal to 3 years of age children. It is anticipated that 72 children will be served. Valerie Donnelly has attended the training. Discussion followed with input from Committee members regarding needs and gaps in Green Lake County. The program could be home-based as well as center-based.

The pre-natal portion could be home visits, transportation and domestic abuse services. Discussion followed.

Van Ness invited the group to attend a Unit Manager meeting for a presentation.

It was reported that weatherization has received funding through stimulus funding. If an individual has applied for Energy Assistance, tentative referrals are made from there.

In August there will be stimulus funding available for rental assistance and utilities. It is unknown how the process will occur.

It is anticipated that there will be funding available for small business administration.

Department of Health & Human Services - Sleezer reviewed the Mentoring Program with Committee members. The manual will be sent to Department of Health & Human Services members for review and approval at the next meeting.

U.W. Extension - Spaulding reported that she will be teaching a financial education class in July 2009. Registration can be done through Angela Nehring, Department of Health & Human Services, or the Caestecker Library, Green Lake. Spaulding will also do one-on-one or group education if requested.

Spaulding will also be teaching "Strong Woman" classes which is a strengthening training for older adults. The age the curriculum is for 55+ years of age.

Spaulding is working on co-parenting education for divorcing parents in conjunction with the Children & Family Services Unit.

Spaulding reported that she continues to work with Headstart on "Dads, Kids & Pizza".

The Green Lake County Fair will be held August 6-9, 2009.

Sheriff - Podell reported to Committee members that the Code Red system consists of a group of people that can be notified in case of an emergency. The company has a data base to contact individuals that have registered. The system has been in place for six months.

An event will be held for disabled children at the Milwaukee Zoo.

Smith updated Committee members regarding the ADA park. The Green Lake and Ripon Rotaries and other local organizations are working on the park. The Rotaries will purchase the equipment. The site is anticipated to be Zobel Park.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2009.

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion: Coordinated Services Team Update, CCS update; election of officers; CCS per diem recommendations; IV-E Safe & Stable Annual Report.

Adjournment: Motion made by Anderson to adjourn, seconded by Warriner. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.