

## **FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—May 3, 2010**

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Gail Olson, Consumer; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Renee Peters, Birth-Three Coordinator; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Mike Maslowski, CCS Consumer; Connie Anderson, Community; Heather Behm (& Gavin), Parent; Fern Engel, Community Representative; James A Warriner, CCS Consumer; Vanessa Schultz, DHHS DD/LTC Coordinator; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP; Rebecca Chain, DHHS ADRC Student Intern; Jean Richter, ADVOCAP; Deborah LaSusa, Consumer; Molly Spaulding, U.W. Extension; Brenda Nitzke, Parent; Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk; Bonnie Goodnature, Consumer

**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 11:53 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

**Appearances/Introductions:** Introductions of members were made and new Committee members welcomed.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. After discussion, Maslowski made a motion to approve the agenda. Engel-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. After discussion, Anderson made a motion to approve the September 14, 2009 minutes. Olson-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:**

#### **Family Support:**

Schultz updated Committee members regarding the Family Support Program and what this program does. Green Lake County receives \$20-21,000.00 in funding to cover services in Green Lake County for additional services in the home. Discussion followed.

Schultz distributed and explained the “Family Support Program Annual Plan Update Form and the Family Support Program Data Information Form” for Committee review and approval. Schultz reported that she had submitted these forms to the State earlier this year stating that they would be reviewed at the next Family Resource Council meeting. Beregszazi made a motion to approve the “Family Support Program Annual Plan Update Form and the Family Support Program Data Information Form”. Anderson –second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Birth-Three:** Peters presented the 2009 summary of referrals received. There was a total of 41 referrals with 28 of those being from physicians.

Peters reported that there is stimulus funding available through the State Birth to 3 program in the amount of approximately \$20,920.00. These funds have to be used for goal-specific purposes. Green Lake County will be using the funding as follows: \$12,000.00 – trainings; \$8,920.00 – Miscellaneous (child-find enhancements, technology, assessment materials, assistive technology); and \$4,999.00 – equipment for the Zobel Park Handicapped Accessible Playground. Discussion followed.

Peters reported that Behm and herself are on the Zobel Park Fund Committee. Peters explained upcoming fund raisers, etc.

Peters reported that on April 30, 2010, the agency completed the annual self-assessment report and turned into the State for review. This year there will be an on-site review on June 29, 2010 to discuss the self-assessment in detail and further review the Birth-Three program.

### **Coordinated Services Team (CST)/Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:**

Dissing explained to Committee members that the Coordinated Services Team (CST) is a consumer-driven program based on consumer needs. An initial assessment is performed for eligibility/appropriateness of services. Discussion followed.

Dissing explained to Committee members what "Family Teaming" entails. It is an abbreviated version of the CST program.

Dissing also explained regarding the Community Response Program which is geared towards serving individuals that are initially referred to the juvenile system. Discussion followed.

Dissing presented the revised Inter-Agency Agreement as required through the Children's Trust Fund grant – "Green Lake County Collaborative Systems of Care" for Committee members to review. Committee members are to direct any questions to Dissing or Sleezer and it will be presented at the next meeting for signature.

Sleezer reported regarding the Community Response program funded through the Children's Trust Fund. Sleezer reported that in 2009, 90 referrals received for a total of 125 families. 108 families were accepted for services (2008-2009) which included 173 adults and 253 children. Green Lake County served 85 families and Marquette County 35 families. Sleezer further explained the program. Sleezer explained what respite care is to Committee members.

Malkowsky explained to Committee members what the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program consists of. Malkowsky reported 10 individuals are being served at the present time. Discussion followed.

### **Resource Sharing: Current Issues:**

ADVOCAP - Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP is in the second year of "Work n Wheels", a program which helps individuals purchase vehicles with a no interest loan. The goal is to help connect people with mode of transportation to get to work in rural Green Lake County. The goal is to help 25 individuals in Green Lake, Winnebago and Calumet counties in 2010. There are requirements which include working part-time and the ability to pay the loan back in approximately 3 years. Beregszazi reported that there is a 5% service fee for the loan which is used to cover vehicle maintenance.

Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP is starting a new program called "Funds for Fines" to help people who are losing their license for such things as parking tickets, lack of registration, or no driver's license. These would be no-interest loans with payback at a minimum of 1 year. The goal of this program is to help people keep their employment and continue their post-secondary education.

Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP is working with the Care 4 U clinic in Dalton. This is a non-profit community clinic which has low fees. There is a doctor that lives at the clinic. This is a full service clinic. Costs, etc. were explained to Committee members. Anderson reported ADVOCAP has been approached by the clinic for a strategic plan. Discussion followed.

Beregszazi explained that there has been an increase in ADVOCAP doing home weatherization through ARRA funding. It is anticipated that approximately 500 homes will be weatherized with this funding.

Beregszazi reported that there are still slots available in Skills Enhancement program. Requirements for this program include the individual working at least half-time and/or need additional training to get a full-time or better job.

Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP is doing a RFP for a program that provides transitional jobs. Individuals would need to be at or below 150% poverty. Applicants can not be eligible for W-2 community service jobs nor be receiving unemployment compensation. This program would create a 6-month work experience in the private sector. More details were provided. Beregszazi will report back if successful in the RFP application.

An additional employment program called the Adult and Dislocated Worker Program is funded by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

Schultz reported that the Transition Advisory Council (TAC) will be holding a presentation of self-directed supports. Dennis Harkins will be the presenter on "Make Decisions for Your Future - From High School Through Life. This will be held on May 10, 2010 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Town Hall. The TAC is geared to help students that are in special education in school to make a smooth transition into adulthood. In this transition, TAC strives to work with other agencies and the community.

U.W. Extension - Spaulding reported that the Green Lake County Fair is scheduled for August 5-8, 2010. Agencies who would like resources displayed or available at the fair should send them to Spaulding in the UW-Extension Office (lower level of courthouse) prior to the last week in July.

Spaulding reported that she serves as the advisor for the Green Lake County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE). HCE volunteers administer the Wisconsin Bookworms program, which involves purchasing, reading, and distributing over 800 books to 3-5 year olds throughout Green Lake County. This year, ADVOCAP Head Start nominated the Bookworms readers for a community volunteer award, which will be presented later in May.

Spaulding reminded Committee members that she is trained to provide a number of parenting curricula to parents throughout the county. She is working with staff from the Children and Families Unit to provide a co-parenting program for divorcing parents, and also has a new evidence-based curriculum called "Raising a Thinking Child," which is designed for parents of children ages 4-8. Contact Spaulding if your organization is interested in hosting or supporting a parenting education program.

Spaulding serves as the chair for the Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition, which includes several Family Resource Council members. The coalition has three focus areas for 2010-2011, which include nutrition, physical activity, and emotional wellness. The State Department of Health has received over \$10 million in ARRA funding to focus on obesity prevention, primarily in childcare and school settings, so the coalition will be applying for grants through the state in the coming months.

Spaulding distributed information about an upcoming "Dining with Diabetes" course, the next co-parenting education session, and a resource guide for local physical activity opportunities.

For questions about UW-Extension Family Living Programs, contact Molly Spaulding at 920-294-4039 or molly.spaulding@ces.uwex.edu.

Headstart - Richter reported that thus far referrals are low. There is no waiting list at the present time. Richter explained bus routes and the parent points system to Committee members. Discussion followed.

Sommerfeldt reported to Committee members regarding Community Options Inc. Sommerfeldt explained where the child care facilities throughout the county and what services are provided. Sommerfeldt reported that Community Options, Inc. just started a Mentoring Program with the Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services. Discussion followed.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be scheduled in July or August 2010 at the new Health & Human Services facility.

**Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion:** Coordinated Services Team Update, CCS update

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Maslowski to adjourn, seconded by Beregszazi. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.