

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—October 5, 2020

Present were: Connie Anderson, Parent; Gail Olson, Consumer; Renee Peters, DHHS Health Unit – C-COP/Birth-Three Program; Julia McCarroll, DHHS Health Unit; Dick Trochinski, County Board Supervisor; Kate Meyer, CLTS/CCS Coordinator; Kathy Anderson-Kemnitz, Parent; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Tammi Eastling, Parent; Katie Gellings, UW Extension; Jason Jerome, DHHS Director; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP; Nichol Grathen, DHHS Behavioral Health Unit Manager; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Sue Sleezer, DHHS; Robyn Morris, parent; Kayla Yonke, DHHS; Tammy Westphal/Gail Rooney – Headstart; Carly Porten, parent; Carrie McCarthy, Berlin Schools; Kristina Boeck, parent.

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

Call to Order: Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions: Introductions of members were made. Kristina Boeck was present but unable to introduce herself due to sound issues. Carly Porten was introduced.

Minutes: Motion/second (Podoll/Olson) to approve the June 1, 2020 draft minutes. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

YASI: Sleezer presented on the Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument (YASI) in the Children & Families Unit. Staff are presently being trained. This tool will be used with the Youth Justice population. Green Lake County is in the third round of the Counties who are being trained on this model. The State is training on this with the hopes of having more consistency between the counties. The assessment will be a tool used to inform the staff, District Attorney and the Courts. A survey was sent to key stakeholders earlier in the month to help the State gather more information about our current practices. At some point, the Resource Counsel will be asked for feedback on policies as the initiative continues to roll out.

Treatment and Diversion Program: Grathen reported on the Treatment & Diversion Program. This is for adults in the criminal justice system. Drug & Alcohol related charges. 14 to 18 months in duration. Participants work on goals. Program has had to make leap into telehealth due to COVID. Testing has been more difficult. Currently have two participants in the program. Another participant ended probation so was unable to remain in the program. Pending referrals. In-person court resumed end of summer. This is back to zoom at present.

Coordinated Services Teams: Eichstedt was unable to participate due to Family emergency. Sleezer reported that the program has been continuing during the pandemic. Teams have continued in remote capacity as well as face-to-face outside and alternate locations. We continue to receive referrals.

Children's Community Options Program: Peters reported regarding the Children's Community Options Program funding/program (C-COP). Program has been quiet. Services are primarily through the waiver. Do not have to do a 20/21 plan. She will not need a December vote on the 20/21 plan.

Birth-Three: Peters reported regarding the Birth-Three program. Currently have 16 children in the program. This is atypical average. From March to June, unable to be in the homes. In June, they started back into the home. In September, home visits were halted again. Schools have been getting children into programs. Families were able to continue services. New speech therapy contract. Explored other options. Working with Elite Therapy Company. Virtual visits are going better this round. Staff are taking all precautions to prevent spread of COVID.

CLTS (Children's Long Term Support) Program: Meyer reported regarding the CLTS (Children's Long Term Support Waiver) program. Kate Meyer shared her screen. The State sent out information for families to give input sessions about programs. Need to pre-register. Kate will send the handout with the dates and links via e-mail. 33 families in the CLTS program. They have 5 families on the wait list. Small group of children who are transitioning out to adult services. As they transition out, this will open slots for the new families. All families even on wait list are receiving services through the county. All services are remote except supply drop off. Desperate need for CLTS providers, plumber, contractors and electricians. If you know of anyone who you can refer, please let Kate know. Tammi Easting suggested the Winngami Home builders association.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update: Meyer reported regarding the CCS program to Committee members. This program continues to be busy. 33 consumers in the program. 17 are children. Facilitators continue to provide services by all methods: face to face, zoom, alternate sites. Mental Health needs are increasing. The survey needs to be completed as in the past. Re-vamping the assessment process and tool. Will be asking the group for input on this. Will be trying to make more consumer centered. Winter is coming. Need to figure out how to offer services when we are unable to go into homes come winter.

Health Unit:

Alliance for Wisconsin Youth – Julia McCarroll presented on this initiative. It works on youth substance abuse. Health Department has been working on this for a period. They have not been active of late. They need a committee to house this. The Health Department gets funding from the Coalition to do special projects. They will update the committee on campaigns as they work on them.

Maternal Health Funding – Suicide prevention. Continue to work on around COVID.

Appearances: ADVOCAP: Beregszazi reported regarding weatherization. This has been going on for the past several months. Headstart is in session. Fewer children than in the past. Have been able to safely split the children. Class sizes are smaller. They are doing some remote learning. Plenty of buses but need drivers. If you know potential drivers, please refer them. They will help train the drivers. Business development has been extremely busy trying to help new small businesses as well as ways to keep existing ones from closing. Still operating the rental assistance program as long as it was COVID related. Almost 1 million dollars has been allocated in the three county area. Applications are being taken through October. Mortgages can check with ADVOCAP to see if they can help. Contact the Berlin Office. Oshkosh Area Foundation has funding related to COVID needs. Not on their normal grant cycle. Contact Amy at the Foundation for further information. New Headstart Director was added.

ASTOP: Beilmeier reported via an e-mail the following ASTOP Update: We have extended an offer to a candidate for a PT position as a bilingual advocate that will work alongside us in Green Lake and Waushara, as well as Fond du Lac County. We are currently also hiring for a FT Advocate in Fond du lac County. ASTOP is still searching for a few dedicated board members that supports our mission and dedication in our communities. Due to COVID, we have had to cancel all our in-person fundraisers this year. Our Waushara/Green Lake center rent and utilities are primarily covered by fundraising and donations from the community. Attached to this email is our flyer for a virtual week fundraiser. Please share and consider joining us to help us raise funds to secure our center that serves Green Lake and Waushara County families.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services: No report.

Sheriff: No report.

UW Extension: Katie Gellings reported that she has been doing a lot of financial education for the Drug Court and community members.

Victim/Witness: No report

Other: None

Future Meeting Dates: The next is scheduled for December 7, 2020

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion: Pass to S. Sleezer

Motion/second (Trochinski/Beregszazi) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.