

Family Resource Council Meeting

December 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Family Resource Council meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 11:37am on Monday, December 4, 2023, in the Nurses Screening Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake WI. The meeting was held in person and via Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present in person: Carly Hirschen- Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center, Isabel Williston- ASTOP, Lacy Dix, Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center, Kristina Boeck- parent, Rachel Prellwitz- Public Health Officer, Connie Anderson- Chair & consumer, Gregory Metzler- consumer, Gail Olson- consumer, Sara Abbott-parent, Maria Perez- parent, Tony Beregszazi- Advocap, Jenice Mischler- UW Extension, Robyn Morris- parent, Ann Schnyder- Berlin Area School District. Present via Teams: Bailey Reese-Dowd-parent, Richard Trochinski- County Board Supervisor, Carley Porten- parent, Craig Larson-consumer.

Absent: Sheriff Mark Podoll, Judge Mark Slate, Haley Lowney-W2.

Others present in person: Tara Eichstedt-CST Coordinator, Kate Meyer- CCS/CLTS Coordinator, Sarah Petit-DHHS Admin Unit, Lisa Schiessl, Children & Family Unit Manager, Danielle Viau- CCOP & Birth to 3, Kayla Yonke-DHHS Admin Unit, Shelby Jensen- DHHS ESU Unit Manager, Harley Reabe- County Board Supervisor, Kyle Abbott-parent. Other present via Teams: Cate Wylie- County Administrator, Jason Jerome- DHHS Director.

Family Resource Council Purpose: Kate Meyer read purpose statement.

Introductions: Everyone present and via Teams introduced themselves.

Minutes: Motion/second (Trochinski/Metzler) to approve the minutes of the 6/5/23 and 9/11/23 Family Resource Council meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Discussion/Action on Programs/Policies -

Coordinated Services Teams: Tara Eichstedt reported: working with youth who struggle in the community and/or school to provide a team of supports to help the youth be successful. Current caseload is 12 with 3 referrals in process.

Children's Community Options Program: Danielle Viau reported-CCOP currently supporting one family. CCOP can be used in conjunction with CLTS.

Birth-Three: Danielle Viau reported- 11 active families and 7 families in process. 69 referrals to date this year. Referrals for 2023 are greater than 2022 totals. State review planned for January 2024.

CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Program/CLTS: Kate Meyer reported on:

1. CCS- State review planned for Spring 2024. Serving 30-40 families. Slight re-organization soon, more details to come.
2. CLTS-Current caseload is 58. State review planned for January 2024.

Health Unit – Maternal Child Health Update: Rachel Prellwitz reported- flu vaccine clinics are complete. Flu vaccine is still available, contact health dept. 2024 Maternal child health objective: Adolescent well-being and suicide prevention. Alliance for WI Youth: Opioid grant provides funding for Dose of Reality, supports law enforcement with safe drug drop boxes, and mental health/substance use prevention.

Appearances-

Advocap: Tony Beregszazi reported on the following:

1. Over five million dollars in rental assistance was paid during the pandemic.
2. Helpful Homeowners- loans made to stabilize housing.
3. Home services, consists of grant funding, to help homelessness. Homelessness has increased. Coordinated entry process into program, using a new assessment tool.
4. Tenant based rental assistance- individual finds place to rent, voucher is issued, and rent is paid for up to 2 years. There has been outreach to landlords to educate about programs.
5. Homeless Youth Project- Statewide funded project. Initiating with school districts. Target age group 16-24. Setting up a youth council.
6. HeadStart- 257 children enrolled from Green Lake and Fond du Lac Counties.
7. Advocap Board meeting to look at plan and budget for 2024. Discussion followed.

ASTOP: Isabel Williston reported- Programs are free and confidential, serve everyone. Offer specialized counseling at no cost. Case management provided. Advocacy- provide resource and support. Prevention- education and outreach, with goal to collaborate with rural schools. Discussion followed.

Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Services:

Carly Hirszen reported- to provide outreach and shelter to individuals impacted by domestic abuse.

1. Office hours at Green Lake Government building on Tuesdays, walk in basis.
- 2 Trained 35 Green Lake County Law Enforcement Officers this year in regard to risk assessment. Law enforcement provides individual with link to advocate. 24/7 support available.
3. Identified gap in transportation services from Green Lake County to shelters. Fox Valley cab provides transportation from Green Lake County to shelters.

Lacy Dix reported- provides individual and group youth services. Caseload has increased and is currently 14. Referral for services can come from anyone. Provided an in-service to Berlin Area School District. Collaborates with community members, HeadStart, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Group services focus on healthy relationships. Discussion followed.

Sheriff: no report.

UW Extension:

Jenice Mischler reported- looking for opportunities to partner with community groups and members. Currently working on re-entry and homelessness from incarceration to release. Also, programming for Advanced Planning.

Circuit Court: no report

ESU/Child Support: Shelby Jensen reported on:

1. Childcare is difficult to find locally and statewide. Many centers have waiting lists.
2. Badgercare & Medicaid- Federal emergency has ended. Renewals started in June 2023. Marketplace is open for individuals not eligible for Medicaid.
3. Energy assistance- Application period is open. Can apply by phone, online, paper application or in person. Assistance for heat or electric, furnace repairs/replacements. Discussion followed.
4. Long term Medicaid- services for Elderly have increased.
5. Child Support- 910 cases in Green Lake County.

School Districts:

Berlin Area School District, Ann Schnyder, thanked everyone for their partnership.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: March 4, 2024, at 11:30 am.

Future Agenda Items: Largest attendance at meeting today. May need to find larger room for next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion/Second (*Olson/Beregszazi*) to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.