

Family Resource Council Meeting

March 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Family Resource Council meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 11:34am on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the UW Extension 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: Isabel Williston- ASTOP, Lacy Dix, Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center, Rachel Prellwitz- Public Health Officer, Connie Anderson- Chair & consumer, Gregory Metzler- consumer, Gail Olson- consumer, Maria Perez- parent, Tony Beregszazi- Advocap, Ann Schnyder- Berlin Area School District.

Present via Teams: Richard Trochinski- County Board Supervisor, Carley Porten- parent, Craig Larson (joined at 11:42)-consumer.

Absent: Sheriff Mark Podoll, Judge Mark Slate, Sara Abbott, Bailey Reese-Dowd, Kristina Boeck, Robyn Morris, Jenice Mischler, Nichol Wienkes.

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, Jason Jerome-HHS Director, Lauren Olson- GLC Public Health, Lucas Almas-Markesan Public Library.

Others present via Teams: Cate Wylie- County Administrator (left at 11:54am), Emily Abrahamson-W2, Marisa Pentek-W2, Carly Hirsch (via phone)-Chistine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, Mindy Collato-Boys & Girls Club.

Introductions: Everyone present and via Teams introduced themselves.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Olson/Anderson)* to approve the minutes of the 12/4/23 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 13. Working on summer programs. Recently had quarterly meeting with School Resource Officers.

Children's Community Options Program: Danielle Viau reported-CCOP currently supporting one family. CCOP can be used in conjunction with CLTS. Helped 4 families pay for hotel stays to attend conferences. Discussion followed.

Birth-Three: Danielle Viau reported- 14 referrals to-date in 2024. 12 active families and 8 families in process.

CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Program/CLTS: Kate Meyer reported on:
1. CCS- The program has moved to a new procedure which makes the Mental Health Professional role more active in assessment and recovery planning per DHS 36.

2. CLTS-Current caseload is 61 with 4 referrals. Recent file review results have not been released yet.

Health Unit – Maternal Child Health Update: Lauren Olson reported: 2024 Maternal child health objective: Adolescent well-being and suicide prevention. Collaborating with community partners. Alliance for WI Youth: committee reviewed three billboard options and decided on the Dose of Reality billboard (option 1). Discussion followed.

Appearances-

Advocap: Tony Beregszazi reported on the following:

1. Housing Needs coalition being formed to address needs in Green Lake County. Will be exploring people in crisis, homelessness. Difficulty finding places for homeless individuals. Contact Becky Alt if interested in joining the coalition.
2. HOME-ARP grant was applied for.

ASTOP: Isabel Williston reported- Programs are free and confidential, serve everyone.

1. 293 individuals served in 2023.
2. New prevention educator was hired.
3. 2024 goal- provide more advocacy in rural communities.
4. LOVE 146 grant obtained to provide training regarding human trafficking.

Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Services:

Carly Hirsch reported: to provide domestic violence services, emergency shelter, outreach, and youth services. Increase in clients from Green Lake County accessing services. 24-hour hotline/advocate available.

Lacy Dix reported: provide services to 19 youth in Green Lake County. Caseload has grown from 6 to 19 since 2022. 2024 summer goals- partner with other agencies to provide groups for youth (safety and healthy relationships). Work with schools to streamline services. Discussion followed.

Sheriff: no report.

UW Extension: no report

Circuit Court: no report

ESU/Child Support: Shelby Jensen reported on:

1. In the middle of the “unwinding process” from the pandemic. Caseloads have not dropped.
2. Badgercare update- Effective 4/1/24 some children on Badgercare will have a premium.
3. Energy assistance- Continue to see a large influx of individuals who need assistance.
4. Foodshare benefits- possibility of adding summer benefits to Foodshare if child receives free or reduced meals at school.

5. Childcare- there is a large need for childcare providers in Green Lake County. Discussion followed.

School Districts:

Ann Schnyder, Berlin Area School District reported: Upcoming child development days/free screening. 2024/2025 school year will have full day 4K. Received 2-year grant to rebuild connections with students. Discussion followed.

W2:

Marisa Pentek reported: Emily Abrahamson is the new W2 case manager. Acquired Pathways Home Grant. Offering employment training at the Berlin Public Library on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: June 3, 2024, at 11:30 am.

Future Agenda Items: Next meeting topic- Homelessness. Boys & Girls Club and Libraries will be added to appearances on the next agenda.

Sarah will send out the voting member list to committee. Sarah will forward pamphlets from the Boys & Girls Club to the committee.

Boys & Girls Club currently has offerings for ELL and parenting classes. Summer registration for the club will start March 15, 2024.

Delmonte is closing in Markesan. A career fair will be held at the Markesan Library.

Adjourn

Motion/Second (*Beregszazi/Reabe*) to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:38pm.