

Family Resource Council Meeting

June 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Family Resource Council meeting was called to order by Sarah Petit at 11:30am on Monday, June 3, 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 (left at 12:15), Connie Anderson- Chair & consumer, Gregory Metzler- consumer, Gail Olson- consumer, Maria Perez- parent, Ann Schnyder- Berlin Area School District, Richard Trochinski- County Board Supervisor, Jenice Mischler- UW Extension, Sheriff Mark Podoll, Carol Hendrickson- Vice Chair & consumer, Harley Reabe- County Board Supervisor.

Present via Teams: Carley Porten- parent.

Absent: Cate Wylie, Judge Mark Slate, Sara Abbott, Bailey Reese-Dowd, Danielle Barron, Tony Beregszazi, Haley Lowney, Craig Larson.

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, Lauren Olson- GLC Public Health, Eden Martinez, Christina Lyon- Green Lake Library.

Others present via Teams: Jason Jerome- HHS Director, Maria Caballero- W2, Nichol Wienkes-Behavioral Health Unit Manager.

Election of Chair: Secretary Sarah Petit called for nominations for Chair. Sheriff Podoll nominated Connie Anderson. Secretary Petit called for nominations three times. No others nominated. Motion carried with no negative vote. Petit declared Connie Anderson as Chair and Anderson presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Vice Chair: Chair Anderson called for nominations for Vice Chair. Gail Olson nominated Carol Hendrickson. Chair Anderson called for nominations three times. No others nominated. Motion carried with no negative vote. Chair Anderson declared Carol Hendrickson as Vice Chair.

Introductions: Everyone present and via Teams introduced themselves.

Minutes: Motion/second (Sheriff Podoll/Carol Hendrikson) to approve the minutes of the 3/4/24 Family Resource Council meeting with no additions or corrections. Board Supervisor Trochinski had one question for the Berlin Area School District. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Discussion/Action on Programs/Policies -

Coordinated Services Teams: Tara Eichstedt reported: working with youth to provide services and supports. Planning is underway for summer youth groups. 16 youth on current case load.

Children's Community Options Program: Danielle Viau reported: supporting one main family.

Birth-Three: Danielle Viau reported: year to date program activity- 25 referrals, 15 active clients, 2 in process, 3 pending.

CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Program/CLTS: Kate Meyer reported: 40 consumers in the program, this is an increase from the last few months. Regarding CCS consumers being homeless, teams will support families to get connected to services in the area. Teams will continue to provide mental health or/and substance use services. If the distance between the consumer and Green Lake County becomes too great, providers reach out to neighboring counties to provide support. CLTS: When families are enrolled in CLTS, their enrollment travels around the State with them. If a family becomes homeless Green Lake County is responsible to provide services until a permanent address is established. If the geographic distance becomes too great, providers will reach out to other counties to brainstorm solutions.

Health Unit – Maternal Child Health Update: Lauren Olson reported: Working with Prairie View Head start on gardening programs. Alliance for WI youth (substance use prevention), new Billboard is up on Hwy 23. Planning to do a second billboard and putting up banners at the County Fair.

Appearances-

Advocap: Connie Anderson reported on the following: Recently had annual meeting. Video was made of services offered and people who have been helped. The video will be used as a tool to show what Advocap is about. Childcare incubator pilot project is in progress. Tanya Markel will provide presentations to groups who want to learn more about Advocap services.

ASTOP: Isabel Williston reported: Working with Berlin Area School District on new prevention education. Seeing an increase in individuals seeking services for medical and legal advocacy and treatment programs.

Boys & Girls Club: None.

Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Services:

Lacy Dix reported: current caseload of 22. Programming with schools will resume in the fall when school starts again. Groups meeting during the summer. Working with Advocap in Berlin. Connecting with Ripon College on programming. Regarding homelessness, shelters must stay mission focused.

Libraries: Christina Lyon (Green Lake Library) reported: the library is a public space and can be used as a warming and cooling shelter during business hours. Wifi is available, provides resources. Discussion followed.

Sheriff: Mental Health Counselor has been hired. Re-opened Bible class. Programs through the phone system is in place, tablets are provided to inmates for a fee. Tablets have apps to assist with stress and anger management.

UW Extension: Financial coaching certification will be completed soon. Any client can be referred for financial topics. Planning Ahead program (end of life planning) is currently taking place at Ripon library, in conjunction with Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties. The next program is scheduled to start in October. Regarding homelessness, 'Rent Smart' education is offered with Berlin Advocap for renters and landlords. Upcoming events planned for the County Fair and Senior Fair.

Circuit Court: None.

ESU/Child Support: Shelby Jensen reported on: Energy assistance application deadline was 5/15/24. New program for HVAC assistance is open for applications. Families eligible for free or reduced lunches at schools will get Foodshare benefits for the summer. Regarding homelessness, affordable housing is difficult to find, resources are provided to clients. Discussion followed.

School Districts:

Ann Schnyder, Berlin Area School District reported: Last day of school was 5/31/24. Preparing for next school year.

W2:

Maria Caballero reported: Green Lake County residents' applications still go to the Fond du Lac Office. W2 is at the Berlin Library on the first Tuesday of the month. Phone applications available on Thursdays. Programming available: FSET- for individuals to receive training and employment education. Assistance provided with resumes, job interviews and some supportive costs. W2- assists families monetarily while looking for jobs. Assists refugees. Provides training and educational programs.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: September 9, 2024, at 11:30 am.

Future Agenda Items: Update on Housing Coalition.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:23pm.