

# Family Resource Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Family Resource Council meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 11:33am on Monday, September 9, 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, Rachel Prellwitz- Public Health Officer, Connie Anderson- Chair & consumer, Gregory Metzler- consumer, Gail Olson- consumer, Maria Perez- parent, Richard Trochinski- County Board Supervisor, Sheriff Mark Podoll, Carol Hendrickson- Vice Chair & consumer, Harley Reabe- County Board Supervisor.

Present via Teams: Carley Porten- parent, Bailey Reese-Dowd-parent.

Absent: Cate Wylie, Judge Mark Slate, Sara Abbott, Danielle Barron, Tony Beregszazi, Haley Lowney, Craig Larson, Lacy Dix, Ann Schnyder, Nichol Wienkes, Kristina Boeck, Robyn Morris, Jenice Mischler.

Others present in person: 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, Jason Jerome- HHS Director, Karen Winkel-Dishong- Advocap, Chris Kalupa- Berlin Public Library.

Others present via Teams: Marisa Pentek (left at 12:00pm)- W2.

*A quorum of the members for the Family Resource Council Committee was not present so no formal action was taken.*

**Introductions:** Everyone present and via Teams introduced themselves.

**Discussion/Action on future meeting topics:** Jason Jerome explained the need to build agendas with a purpose. Committee member suggested homelessness challenges for a future meeting topic.

## **Discussion/Action on Programs/Policies -**

**Coordinated Services Teams:** no report.

### **Children's Community Options Program:**

Danielle Viau reported: supporting one main family. Discussion followed.

### **Birth-Three:**

Danielle Viau reported: year to date program activity- 45 referrals, 15 active families in the program, 6 referrals in process. Discussion followed.

### **CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Program/CLTS:**

Kate Meyer reported: Program follows DHS 36 handbook. The Family Resource Council is the coordinating committee required by CCS guidelines. Kate thanked the committee members for their willingness to participate. CCS has 33 consumers in the program. Surveys will be going

out to consumers in the coming months. Surveys can be sent by mail, email or text options. Committee discussion followed and it was decided to send surveys by email and text. CLTS- continues to grow with 71 families in the program. Discussion followed regarding State funding and budgeting.

**Health Unit – Maternal Child Health Update:**

Rachel Prellwitz reported: Flu vaccine will be available on 10/8/24 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Green Lake County Government Building.

Lauren Olson reported: Alliance for WI Youth- Substance misuse prevention coalition had their first meeting August. The coalition members include law enforcement, schools, HHS staff, libraries, ThedaCare, Christine Anne Center and EMS. The next meeting will be on October 15. Discussion followed.

**Appearances-**

**Advocap:**

Karen Winkel-Dishong reported: Funds for educational programs are available (nursing and truck driving programs). There is a waitlist for housing. Homelessness in Green Lake County is increasing. Transportation is also a barrier. Discussion followed.

Traveling clothes closet will be at Boys & Girls Club on 9/18/24 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Advocap also has clothing vouchers available.

Allegiant Property Management, La Crescent, MN, has a housing voucher program and Advocap can assist with applications.

Connie Anderson reported on the following: Childcare incubator pilot project is in progress. Construction is underway for the childcare incubator pilot project building.

**ASTOP:** Isabel Williston reported: Increased need for services. Number of clients needing services has doubled in recent months. Counseling service needs have increased. 24/7 crisis line is available. Aurora Hospital recently opened in Fond du Lac and provides forensic exams.

**Boys & Girls Club:** No report.

**Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Services:**

Isabel Williston provided an update for Christine Anne Center: Take Back the Night will be 10/9/24 at 6:30pm at the Green Lake High School. Community open house scheduled on 9/19/24 from 8am-6pm at the Christine Anne Center. Looking for volunteers to help move shelters.

**Circuit Court:**

No report.

**ESU/Child Support:**

Shelby Jensen reported the adult population continues to increase; family care program has increased. MAPP premiums started in August. Call center volume has increased with about 20,000 calls per month. There's an increase need for Foodshare and interviews for the program are required. Energy Assistance will be done through Advocap this year. Discussion followed.

**Libraries:**

Chris Kalupa reported: Berlin Library offers space for meetings with clients. A donation was made to the library and a new meeting room is being constructed. Libraries can post/publish information and resources. Early child literacy programs offered. Discussion followed.

**School Districts:**

No report.

**Sheriff:**

No report.

**UW Extension:**

No report.

**W2:**

Marisa Pentek reported in the Teams chat: currently hiring for an FSET Case Manager position in our Fond du Lac office and also for a Dual FSET & W2 Case Manager in Waushara County who will also cover Green Lake County. There is not a physical office in Green Lake County currently, but W2 does come to the Berlin Library the 1st Tuesday of every month to complete enrollments into our FSET program and meet with current participants.

**Committee Discussion**

Future meeting date: December 2, 2024, at 11:30 am.

- Future Agenda Items: Update on Housing Coalition from Nichol Wienkes, Discussion and action on homelessness challenges.

**Adjourn**

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:33pm.