

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE**

Monday, May 2, 2011

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jill Billings, Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Janet Chaney, Chris Clair, Chris Crye, Rande Daykin, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Maureen Freedland, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Janet Kusch, Stephanie Mancuso, Mary Meehan-Strub, Jeff Murawski, Randy Nelson, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Mike Schnitzius, Sarah Spah, Beth Sullivan, Jeffrey Trotnic, Julie Van Dunk, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, Mary Kay Wolf and Joie Zimmerman

**GUESTS:** Keith Belzer, Lilly Irvin-Vitela and Jessica Wipperforth

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Grace Jones called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their comments and concerns regarding the State Budget as this was helpful information to convey to the legislative people. Grace Jones asked Jodi Widuch to introduce her guests Lilly Irvin-Vitela and Jessica Wipperforth. Grace Jones then proceeded with the approval of minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 04/04/11 MEETING**

**MOTION** by Jill Billings/Chris Clair to approve the April 4, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Grace Jones then introduced Joie Zimmerman who would be doing her agency presentation for Stein Counseling.

### **AGENCY PRESENTATION: STEIN COUNSELING: JOIE ZIMMERMAN**

Joie Zimmerman reports that Stein Counseling is a small mental health facility out of Onalaska with a site in La Crosse at the King on 5<sup>th</sup> Building and a site in Onalaska at 571 Braund Street.

Stein Counseling and Consulting Services provide the following services:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Christian Counseling
- In Home Counseling
- Play Therapy
- Family Therapy
- CIT Program – Providing services at a reduced flat fee to help those who could otherwise not receive services due to lack of insurance coverage.
- Counseling Services for Special Needs and Asperger's children.
- At-Risk Adolescent Groups
- Teen Intervene – Substance Abuse Intervention Program
- Family Tracking Program
- Cultural Liaison Services

- Family Interaction Programs
- Psychological Evaluations
- Competency Evaluations
- Readiness for Change Screening
- Adolescent Assessment and Treatment for Sexual Behavior Problems
- Parenting University – see our website ([www.effectivebehavior.com](http://www.effectivebehavior.com)) for class descriptions as well as upcoming dates.
- 1-2-3- Magic
- Parenting Your Out of Control Teenager
- Parenting with Love and Logic

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### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PRESENTATION: MIKE DESMOND; SPEAKERS: JANE KLEKAMP AND KEITH BELZER**

Mike Desmond reports that he is involved in the Mental Health Coalition and that is when he learned of the Criminal Justice Management Council and expressed interest in that committee and was asked to be a citizen member of the Criminal Justice Management Council. Mike reports that he has a personal interest in the mentally ill and their involvement in the Criminal Justice System as far as what types of services might be available to them to help them while they are incarcerated, etc.

Mike Desmond introduced Keith Belzer who is a local Criminal Defense Attorney and Jane Klekamp of Justice Sanctions who are also involved in the Criminal Justice Management Council.

Keith Belzer and Jane Klekamp provided a Power Point presentation:

Keith Belzer reports that the La Crosse County Criminal Justice Management Council is seen as a model in the State.

They use evidence based practice and they use research.

In 1965 there were 15-20 inmates per day.

In 1992 there were 160 inmates per day.

In 1992 they brought in consultants who stated that they needed a 400 bed jail by the year 2010.

1993 they began the Sentencing Strategies Committee.

1995 Justice Sanctions was created to implement the programs recommended by the Sentencing Strategies Committee.

1997 they opened the New Law Enforcement Center and Jail. There were 172 secure beds, a receiving area and the cost of this new facility was \$20,125,262.00.

1997 there were 194 daily inmates.

1999 they were asking to build on to the jail.

2000 they developed the Criminal Justice Management Council.

Jane Klekamp reports that when Justice Sanctions was implemented they were to implement programs, i.e., electronic monitoring, risk assessments/case management, Drug Court, OWI Courts, etc.

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: JODI WIDUCH**

Jodi Widuch reports that she is presenting at the request of their chair, Ann Kramer.

Jodi reports that they are looking at the “no wrong door” policy at the County and would like to expand that to the community.

Jodi reports that they will be sending out a survey for this group and will share the results once they have compiled them. They are asking for a 10 day turnaround time and the survey is short.

## **CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE REPORT: CHRIS CRYE**

Chris Crye reports that they would like to have people come in and tell their stories whether they be success stories or struggles. If you know of anyone who would be willing to present their story please let Chris Crye know and he will have them present to this committee. The issue of diversity has come up several times and they are looking at strengths in diversity and would like to help people understand “what is diversity”. They’d like to start each month with a report time to have someone give their story. Chris Crye then stated that Jodi Widuch has a story that she will tell us today.

Jodi Widuch talked about how she attended many diversity trainings and how she worked on making sure their programs were welcoming to all and at one training the trainer talked about how you as an individual have the power to change things but how you have to be willing to put yourself out there and be vulnerable. Jodi stated that she never thought about this in that perspective and now she uses her voice in this. Jodi introduced Lilly Irvin-Vitela and Lilly talked about how we address “what do we do for these people?” but we often don’t ask ourselves “how do we include these people?” as we have the privilege of being included and we need to ask ourselves how do we use our privilege to include these people. We don’t always have a formal place at the table for these people and these are the things we need to look at.

## **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:**

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Jill Billings**
  - Jill reports that there was no Family Policy Board Executive Committee meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> due to the presentation by the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.
  - Jill reports that the Family Policy Board made a request that we talk to the press about how the governor’s budget will affect services and agencies in our community.
  - We did a Press Conference on 3/28 and it was very successful.
  - The follow-up scheduled in Arcadia was cancelled which was disappointing to those who planned to attend and talk about the governor’s budget.
  - The Health and Human Services Board did a News Conference on 4/21 and this was a successful event and we had some clients there to talk about the impact the governor’s budget will have on them.
  
- **“August 16” Rebuilding for Learning Retreat”: Jason Witt, Randy Nelson, La Crosse School District and Larry Kirch, City of La Crosse Planning**
  - Jason reports that this retreat entitled “Rebuilding Learning Supports in our Community” will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Black River Beach House from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Jason reports that this event fits in with the mission of the Family Policy Board.
  - Jason reports that this event was organized by the Youth and Family Services Sub-Group.

- Jason reports that this will be a good retreat for educators, providers, etc. to look at coordination of services and look at gaps in services.
- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**
  - Jason reports that it was interesting to see how well organized the philosophy of the Criminal Justice Management Council is. One of the recommendations of the Carey Foundation was to apply evidence based practice for the Juvenile Justice System and to look at arrest data. We are seeing a disproportionate number of minorities in the Juvenile Justice System.
  - Major items in the Governor's Budget are:  
Economic Support/Income Maintenance – this is in a better place now than we were previously. Last week an alternative plan was introduced to look at a regionally based system for Income Maintenance and it was endorsed by the counties.
  - Jason reports that he has replaced Mary Ellen Prinsen with a new Family and Children's Section Manager, Nancy Pohlman.
- **Family and Children's Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**
  - Nancy reports that she is looking for a replacement for her supervisory position and this position has been posted and the deadline to apply is May 12, 2011.
  - Nancy reports that she is currently working with the Family Interaction Program-Review Committee to review current proposals for services and to reduce and/or prevent out-of-home placements.

**AGENCY UPDATES OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: ALL**

Jodi Widuch announced that Family Resources has changed its name to the Parenting Place, 1500 Green Bay Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 (608) 789-4849, [www.theparentingplace.net](http://www.theparentingplace.net) and they are having an Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and an Open House from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, June 6, 2011

**Approved:** June 6, 2011; Tammy Hoskins, Recorder.