

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 6, 2011

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jill Billings, Janet Chaney, Chris Clair, Chris Crye, Rande Daykin, Megan DeVore, Maureen Freedland, Sheila Garrity, Lorie Graff, Bob Hillary, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Janet Kusch, Mary Meehan-Strub, Linnea Moren, Jeff Murawski, Debbie Olufs, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Mike Schnitzius, Sarah Spah, Jeffrey Trotnic, Gaye Tylka, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt and Mary Kay Wolf

**GUESTS:** Ruthann Schultz, Pam Sharp, Vanessa Southworth and David Steinberg

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Grace Jones called the meeting to order and asked if anyone had any changes they'd like made to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes or if the minutes were all right as presented and if anyone would like to make a motion to approve.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 05/02/11 MEETING**

**MOTION** by Chris Clair/Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the May 2, 2011 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Grace Jones then introduced Vanessa Southworth to do the agency presentation for the Family and Children's Center.

### **AGENCY PRESENTATION: FAMILY & CHILDREN'S CENTER: VANESSA SOUTHWORTH**

Vanessa Southworth reports that the Family and Children's Center has a new program "Camp Coulee" this summer. It is an 8 week summer day camp program specifically designed for area at-risk-youth ages 6-15 with emotional and behavioral challenges. The campers will get to enjoy various eco-systems around the area like Myrick Hixon EcoPark, Clearwater Farm, Perrot State Park, Goose Island and more. The campers will attend Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and they will provide pre-care and after-care.

Kids can be referred or parents can contact the Family and Children's Center at (608) 785-0001, ext. 322 or go online at [fconline.org](http://fconline.org) for more information and to register.

Vanessa Southworth provided a handout for the Camp Coulee Program.

## **JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY UPDATE ON POTENTIAL CHANGES: JILL BILLINGS, JASON WITT, DAVID STEINBERG, JDF SUPERINTENDENT, AND NANCY POHLMAN**

Jason Witt provided a Power Point presentation regarding the changes to the Juvenile Detention Facility that are being proposed to the County Board tonight.

Jason reports that the Juvenile Detention Facility is a costly operation and the capacity is 26 beds and in the past decade we have operated significantly under that. Over half of our capacity is coming from other counties. The changes are being proposed due to the lack of utilization of the facility over the past few years, in part due to the cost/budgets. The changes that are being recommended are 1) to reduce staffing in line with the diminished need and 2) to add an additional service track for higher need youth requiring longer stays (youth that are currently in out of county facilities).

David Steinberg provided the Service Track Addition description:

The current track is short term or provide safety and accountability; the child is detained for 4-7 days on the average. The new track will be longer term dispositions (up to 6 months) and will provide intensive rehab. services.

Jason reports that this will impact capacity.

Jason reports that the next step will be as follows:

- The Human Services Board will decide tomorrow night.
- This will be presented to the County Board tonight.
- The County Board will vote on it next Thursday night.
- The plan will be implemented October 1, 2011.

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: ANN KRAMER**

Ann Kramer handed out a copy of the survey this committee sent out along with the feedback they received from the respondents of this survey. Ann reports that this was one of the goals set by this committee initially. Ann reports that this committee will meet in July to plan goals regarding this survey.

Janet Kusch reports that it's only as good as we are at providing the public with information about the services we provide.

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

Chris Crye reports that they did a story at our last meeting and will continue this in the Fall at the October meeting. Chris asked that if anyone has a story they'd like to share regarding cultural competency that they should contact him. Chris asked that if there is anyone who is interested in joining this committee that they contact him.

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

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Jill Billings**

Jill Billings reports that there was an issue last month with a letter of support. Jill reports that we are asking that people get their requests in prior to the next meeting as the request needs to be okayed officially by the Family Policy Board Committee at the meeting. The Executive Committee cannot vote.

Jill reports that we have been receiving requests to add stuff to the agenda after the agenda has already gone out and that it is difficult to get items added to the agenda after it has already been sent out. If you have questions please let us know.

Jill reports that the Executive Committee has developed a Marketing Advocacy Committee and they have developed a plan and will be getting the okay to move forward with the plan from the Executive Committee.

- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**

Jason Witt reports that late Friday night the Joint Finance Committee approved the Income Maintenance plan in which there will be 10 consortiums State wide. It will be County models with a few modifications. This is to be done by October 31, 2011.

Jason reports that the Rebuilding for Learning Retreat is August 16, 2011 and everyone from the Family Policy Board is invited to attend.

- **Family and Children's Section Update: Nancy Pohlman**

Nancy Pohlman reports that Jodi Widuch and Vanessa Southworth are working collaboratively with the Family Interaction Program and Preferred Provider Program. We have received the Community Response RFP.

Nancy provided staff updates reporting that Nissa Knutson has filled the supervisory position previously held by Nancy Pohlman and she will start in this position on June 13, 2011 and Janet Holter, supervisor of the Initial Assessment Unit has taken a new position at Viterbo and her last day will be July 29, 2011 and they will be hiring for her position and the deadline to apply is June 16, 2011.

## **AGENCY UPDATES OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: ALL**

Mary Kay Wolf reports that they are having the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and if anyone wishes to make a donation they can do so at [walkamilelacrosse.org](http://walkamilelacrosse.org).

Ann Kappauf reports that they are doing a fundraiser on July 23<sup>rd</sup> entitled "Horizon Ride – Cruisin' to End the Bruisin".

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).

Pam Sharp of the Onalaska Police Department was introduced as she is working with the Executive Committee's Marketing Advocacy Committee, welcome Pam.

**NOTE:** There will be no meeting in July.

**ADJOURN:** Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, August 1, 2011

**Approved** August 1, 2011, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder.