

FAMILY POLICY BOARD COMMITTEE

Monday, October 1, 2012

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bjerke, Mike Boehm, Vicki Burke, Tina Cannon, Janet Chaney, Chris Crye, Rande Daykin, Mike Desmond, Megan DeVore, Gloria Doyle, Troy Harcey, Karin Johnson, Grace Jones, Ann Kappauf, Lacie Ketelhut, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Ann Kramer, Monica Kruse, Lorie Lautz, Kathryn Mayer, Mary Meehan-Strub, Linnea Miller, Tom Miller, Debbie Olufs, Nancy Pohlman, Pat Ruda, Regina Siegel, Sarah Spah, Bridget Todd, Cinda Todd, Wade Welper, Jodi Widuch and Jason Witt

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Desmond called the meeting to order and then asked for a motion to approve the September 10, 2012 meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 09/10/12 MEETING

MOTION by Vicki Burke/Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

AGENCY PRESENTATION: LA CROSSE MEDICAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM: Catherine Kolkmeier

Catherine Kolkmeier reports that the La Crosse Medical Health Consortium was established in 1993 and they coordinate with other groups and help them move forward with their projects and/or programming.

The first project was to build the Health Science Center for WTC (Western Technical College) and UWL. This building has both offices and classrooms. They have many research labs.

- They work on population health improvement.
- They do work with the Mental Health Coalition.
- They do work with injury prevention.
- They work on infectious disease.
- They work on the alcohol project, i.e., underage drinking and binge drinking.
- They have a volunteer database ; they have students who will help with projects in the community, i.e., they will create websites, etc.
- They provide information on a website about careers/schooling in the area.
- They have the Health Science Academy where they have high school students get an idea of college and careers they might be interested in; these students get an opportunity to scrub and watch surgery, etc.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES:

- **HHS Board Update/Family Policy Board Executive Committee: Karin Johnson**

Karin Johnson reports that the Hmong Mutual Assistance Program has reached out regarding programs.

- **HS Director Update: Jason Witt**

Jason Witt reports that the representatives from the Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) have been meeting with officials from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) to work on ways that the administration of Child Care programs can be adapted better to take advantages of WREA's unique regional model. DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson has designated a formal workgroup to explore these issues and report back to her in November.

The County Administrator's 2013 budget request for Human Services has been finalized. Despite challenging times, the request provides sufficient funding to maintain services at current levels. A more detailed description of the 2013 Administrator's request for Human Services will be provided at a future Family Policy Board meeting.

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

Nancy Pohlman reports that we have undergone several audits.

We had the Children's Long Term Support Waiver audit last week.

October 15-18 we have the QSR (Quality Service Review) which is an in-depth review of our performance in the area of Child Protective Services. The review will include panel reviews of several cases along with feedback from focus groups.

We submitted the Family Connections Grant (72 days ago) and they will announce who gets the grant this week.

PRESENTATION: Jim Moeser

Jim Moeser reports that he is the Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

He's the chair on the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Justice.

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families was established in 1881.

The Council is a private, not-for profit, non-partisan statewide organization with offices in Madison Wisconsin.

The Council is a multi-issue child and family advocacy organization, providing research, policy analysis, public education and advocacy that lead to improved outcomes for children.

For more information logon at <http://www.wccf.org>.

See Power Point and handouts.

WHAT'S OUR NEXT STEPS: Mike Desmond

- We have divided into 3 subgroups.
- The Mental Health and Substance Abuse group has met.
- The Economic Security group has met.
- The homework assignment will be for the chair of each group to contact the group and meet before the November 5th meeting.
- The groups will report to the Family Policy Board at each Family Policy Board meeting.
- On January 1, 2013 we will hit the road running.

ADJOURN: Today's meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Mike Desmond

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 5, 2012

Approved: November 5, 2012, Tammy Hoskins, Recorder