

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, March 2, 2020

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tita Yutuc, Kristi Arenz, Sue Mathison, Heather Quackenboss, Teresa Pierce, Tracy Puent, Jenni Loging, Ann Kappauf, Megan DeVore, Jane Klekamp, Isaac Hoffman, Mary Kay Wolf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Chris Crye, Elizabeth Wright, Jason Witt, Sharon Hampson, Jodi Widuch, Vie Matty, Barbara McPeak, Hetti Brown, Karolee Behringer, Bridget Todd, Nicole Brei, Carrie Jick, Heidi Odegaard, Allison Zimmerman, Melisa Myers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tita Yutuc called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sharon Hampson, seconded by Hetti Brown to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Sharon Hampson

Lorie Graff, the Western Region for Economic Assistance Consortium Manager, will be at the next board meeting to explain the public charge rule in detail. Under the rule immigrants who are likely to become a public charge based on disabilities or lack of economic resources can be denied visas. It also makes it more difficult for those who are in the country to receive public benefits.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health held a listening session in La Crosse. La Crosse County representatives spoke to the fact that although we have seen a reduction in the total number of children's cases the complexity of the cases and the mental health needs that they involve are more intense. Our crisis staff have also seen an uptick in calls from schools requesting responders on site.

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families is hosting a listening session in La Crosse on Thursday, April 23 at the Western Technical College Lunda Center to help guide the work of the Preschool Development Grant. More details and an invitation to the event will be sent to Family Policy Board members via email.

Family and Children's Section Update: Tracy Puent

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families has contracted with the La Crosse County Child Protective Services and Youth Justice units to do a work and time study for the month of March. Workers in those units will be required to track very specifically where all their time is being utilized during the study.

PRESENTATION: Wisconsin Opportunity Act – Melisa Myers

Summaries of the Wisconsin Opportunity Act were provided. A draft letter of support for the act from the Family Policy Board was presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letter as drafted. Jason and Tita will move forward in sending the letter out.

FOLLOW-UPS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Hetti Brown shared that all seven of the remaining appropriation bills regarding funding services for homeless issues will not be moving forward due to political reasons. The letter of special support that had been written on behalf of the family policy board and the agencies it represents will not be needed.

Tita presented the 2020 plan for incorporating data.

1. Presenting agencies and collaborations will be asked to highlight the community data trends they are trying to impact and how they use data to inform their efforts and measure success.
2. La Crosse County Human Services will be asked to share data related to trends that are driving policy, program development, and contract decisions.
3. Family Policy Board members should continue to identify potential presenters who could help share knowledge on how to effectively use data.

AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

- Workforce Development Board has several programs focused on assisting youth ages 16–24 to improve skills and obtain employment through work experience. They are opening participant enrollment to Family Policy Board member programs before the general public so youth in the highest needs groups have priority access. More information is available at <https://www.westernwdb.org/wioa-youth>.
- The 12th Annual Health Summit hosted by the La Crosse Medical Health Consortium is scheduled for April 17. Register at https://www.lacrosseconsortium.org/uploads/content_files/files/Health%20Summit%20Invite.pdf.
- The La Crosse County Health Department is continuing to monitor the spread of and needed responses to the corona virus. Their Facebook page will have the most current information applicable to La Crosse County residents.
- To kick off their annual Money Smart week the La Crosse County University of Wisconsin Extension is hosting a resource event on April 2 at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center. They will have a speaker on the topic of White Privilege as well as youth presenters from the Central High School.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020, AT NOON

Chairperson Tita Yutuc adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Approved June 1, 2020, Rachel Klistai, Recorder