

## FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, April 4, 2022

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Zoom)

12:00 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristi Arenz, Karolee Behringer, Sandy Brekke, Gina Brown, Hetti Brown, Michelle Burkhardt, Chris Crye, Gloria Doyle, Liz Evans, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carla Lundeen, Audra Martine, Sue Mathison, Vie Matty, Roberto Partarrieu, Tina Tryggestad, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member Lurch

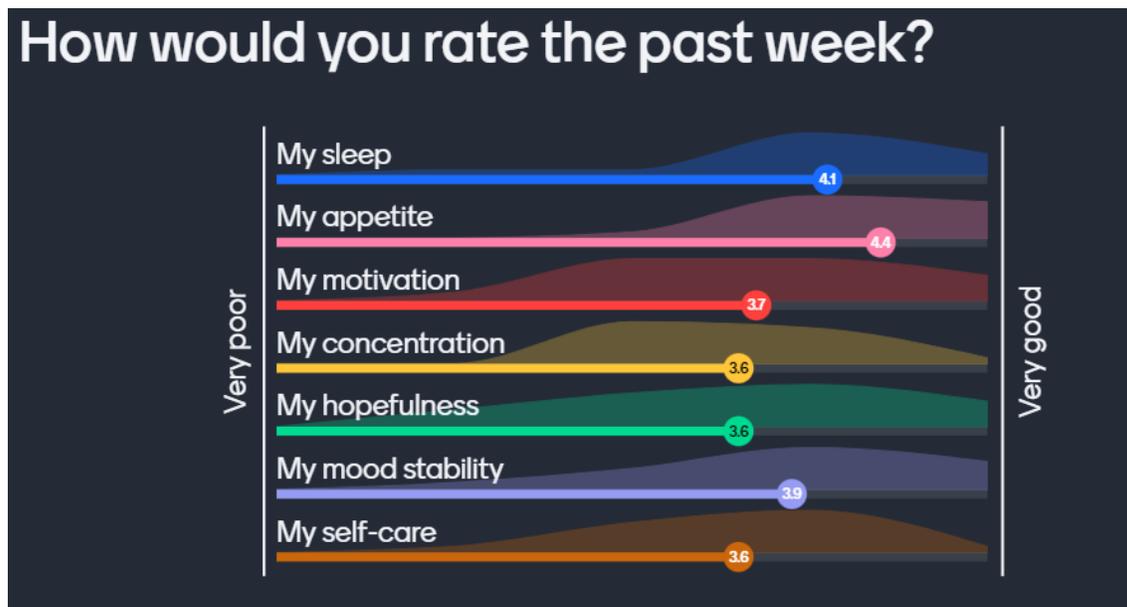
## GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

None

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ann Kappauf called the meeting to order at 12:04pm

The meeting began with members taking the “How would you rate the past week?” survey by Mentimeter at the request of Catherine Kolkmeier. Mentimeter (<https://www.mentimeter.com>) is a company that provides real-time polling tools for groups. This poll showed a snapshot in time of how members were feeling. Below are results for the instant feedback survey.



## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Jodi Widuch and Roberto Partarrieu to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

### HS Director Update:

Jason Witt shared that the new Deputy Director of Human Services, Serena Pelozza will be starting May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### HHS Board Update:

Tina Tryggestad reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day for County Board.

## RECAP OF MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CLIENT NEEDS

Jason shared a PowerPoint with the group that can be found here: [https://lacrossecounty.org/docs/default-source/human-services/2022-apr-\(regulation-discussion\).pdf](https://lacrossecounty.org/docs/default-source/human-services/2022-apr-(regulation-discussion).pdf).

## **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON STATE REGULATIONS THAT ARE IMPACTING LOCAL SERVICE CAPACITY**

Identify the regulation, describe how it is negatively impacting your work and suggest solutions.

1. Clinical Therapist – paperwork and processing at the state is taking much longer due to very low staff numbers. Perhaps the state could contract out to get these applications processed faster.
2. Supervision – perhaps multiple non-profits could be jointly supported to fund a position within an institution; maybe create a list of supervisor possibilities throughout multiple organizations. Could be an issue for someone to take on a supervisory role if not physically in that location.
3. Childcare regulations – WI has some of the most rigorous adult-child ratios in the country; it is tricky to pull from other states due to varying regulations.

## **AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Competitive Wisconsin, Inc's Wisconsin Tomorrow: Early Care and Education, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Lunda Center - Western Technical College. It will focus on the challenges and opportunities surrounding the issue of Early Care and Education in Wisconsin.
- Health Science Consortium: Health Summit is being held virtually on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Judge Ramona Gonzalez is retiring effective July 1, 2022; the governor will appoint someone for the Branch 1 vacancy.
- Cinnaire Solutions is doing asset mapping for La Crosse County. It is holding a focus group within the next couple of weeks so would like people to sign up this week.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention month and Autism Awareness month.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, AT NOON**

Chairperson Ann Kappauf adjourned the meeting at 12:59pm.

**Approved** May 2, 2022, Connie Bublitz, Recorder