

## FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, April 5, 2021

Meeting Held via Zoom

12:00 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Karolee Behringer, Mandy Bisek, Hetti Brown, Lisa Duncanson, Isaac Hoffman, Ann Kappauf, Jane Klekamp, Catherine Kolkmeier, Barbara McPeak, Heidi Odegaard, Roberto Partarrieu, Tracy Puent, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Tina Tryggestad, Jason Witt, Mary Kay Wolf, Elizabeth Wright, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member

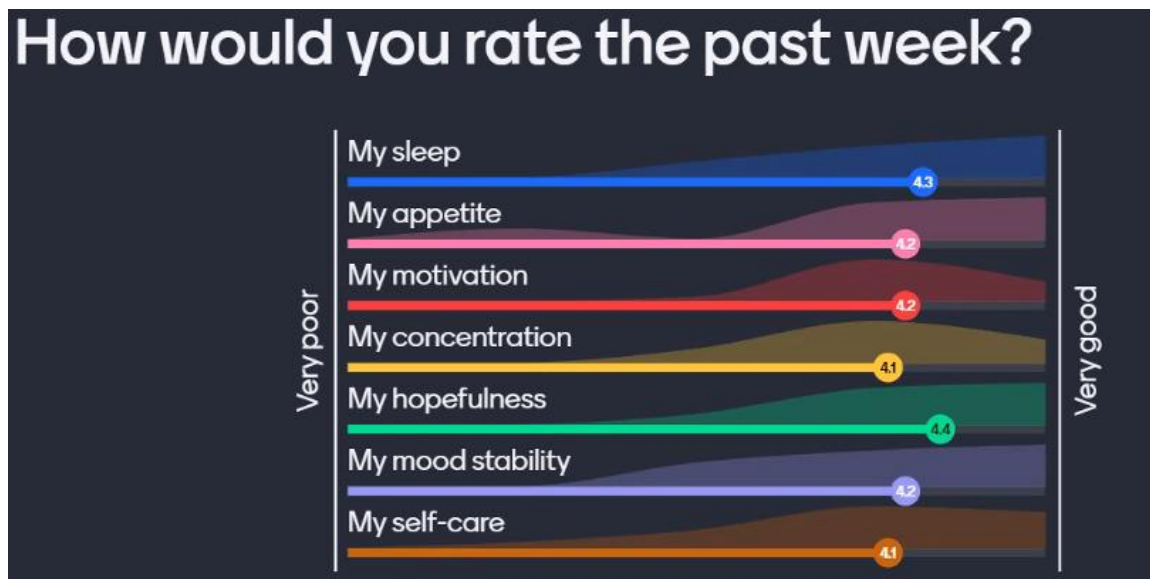
## GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

None

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ann Kappauf called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

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 Mary Kay Wolf seconded by Roberto Partarrieu to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

**HHS Board Update: Tina Tryggestad** – Approval of Resolution for Authorizing Purchases Related to Runaway and Homeless Youth Services. At a future meeting the County will receive an update on their role with PFAS issue on French Island.

**HS Director Update: Jason Witt** – Jason informed the group that the 3 legislators have confirmed that they will be joining our June meeting in which we will go through some updates in terms of where things are legislatively in reference to our committee. There is a lot of advocacy going on this time of year – next Tuesday is Human Services day at the capitol.

**HS Service Section Update** – none at this time

## PRESENTATION:

**Updates to Legislative Advocacy Areas Based on Governor’s Budget Request –**

Tita Yutuc shared the Putting Families 1<sup>st</sup> information, which can be found here:

<https://www.lacrossecounty.org/humanservices/docs/Family%20Policy%20Board/04%2005%202021%20Putting%20Families%20First%20Items.pdf>

Hetti Brown shared the Housing Category information, which can be found here:

<https://www.lacrossecounty.org/humanservices/docs/Family%20Policy%20Board/04%2005%202021%20Housing%20Category%20Items.pdf>

Jason shared an update as to items in the Governor's budget that align with policies traditionally supported by the Family Policy Board

- Child Welfare
  - Investments to further the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families strategic goal of keeping more families together and reducing the use of out-of-home care
    - \$12 million annually in evidence-based in-home prevention and family support services
  - Annual increases (\$5 Million in Year 1 and \$10 Million in Year 2) to the allocation funding county child protective services
- Youth Justice
  - Returning 17-year-old offenders from the adult to the youth justice system, with full funding for counties to implement this change
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
  - Directs the Department of Health Services to pay for the room and board portion of AODA residential treatment that is not covered by Medical Assistance
  - Increase the Medical Assistance reimbursement rate for outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse and for day treatment services for children and adolescents

An item in the Governor's budget that was a surprise and has negative impacts locally is ending the ability of county-run youth detention facilities like in La Crosse County to run corrections alternative programs that involve longer-term youth placements.

**La Crosse Area Family Policy Board Legislative Meeting on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.** – The leads of each of the priority sections (listed below) will be pulled together before the next meeting to discuss plans for future meetings. If you have any interest in the areas listed below, please send Jason and Ann an email.

- Housing Accessibility – (WISCAP) Hetti
- Mental Health – (WAFCA) Tita
- Youth Justice Reform – (WCA) Mandy/Jason
- Early Childhood Development – (ECAC) Jodi
- Domestic Violence – Ann
- Child Welfare Reform – (WCA) Tracy/Jason

**AGENCY ROUNDTABLE** – Catherine Kolkmeier shared that there is an extension to register for the conference on equity, diversity, and inclusion. To register, or for more information visit this link: <https://inclusivity-wi.org/rfp/>. Hetti Brown shared that the rental assistance program is still running, more information can be found here: <https://www.couleecap.org/rental-assistance.html>. New Horizons placed blue and teal ribbons throughout the city because April is Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. There is a ½ hour informative Victory over Violence event that focuses around domestic abuse. There will also be a safety planning video and a stigma video. Those interested can sign up by visiting this website: [www.nhagainstabuse.org](http://www.nhagainstabuse.org).

**ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021, AT NOON**

Chairperson Ann Kappauf adjourned the meeting at 12:36 pm.

**Approved** May 3, 2021, Tiffany Cornell, Recorder