

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, June 1, 2020

Held via Zoom

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tita Yutuc, Kristi Arenz, 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, Karolee Behringer, Bridget Todd, Nicole Brei, Carrie Jick, Heidi Odegaard, Allison Zimmerman, Melisa Myers, Gloria Doyle, Mandy Bisek, Tina Tryggestad

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tita Yutuc called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made and seconded to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

Jason provided a summary of some of the ways in which Human Services is changing practices in response to Covid-19.

- Building access restrictions impacting the La Crosse County Administration, Health and Human Services and the Law Enforcement Center buildings.
- Most employees began working from home and minimizing face-to-face contacts by using telephone and video conferencing.
- Human Services provided staffing assistance to two city of La Crosse homeless shelters.
- The Intake/Triage process for the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section became a telephone and email process instead of the Wednesday morning walk-in process.
- The Out-Patient Clinic has continued to provide some face-to-face contact where necessary. Prescribers have shifted to telehealth appointments.
- Admissions to the Juvenile Shelter and Detention have been reduced to emergency situations only and include a mandatory quarantine of new admissions.
- The Adult Justice Support Services unit suspended on site drug and alcohol testing and began to use alternative methods including remote units and sweat patch testing in priority cases.
- There has been an increase in all environments in cleaning protocols and use of Personal Protective Equipment.

PRESENTATION:

A survey was taken by members prior to the meeting followed by group discussion around the following questions:

1. What would you describe as the lessons learned for you and your agency during this Public health emergency?
2. What has worked best for your agency in engaging clients during this public health emergency?
3. Do you anticipate any operational differences or service changes that may become permanent?
4. What community resources have you found to be the most helpful? Did you discover any new resources?
5. What are your re-opening plans?

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

Chairperson Tita Yutuc adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Approved August 3, 2020, Rachel Klistau, Recorder