

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2018**

PRESENT: Amy Baumann, Pam Groh, Rob Jadrnicek, Darlene Johnson, Lindsay Just, Kim Sue Lamster, Maura McMahon, Raquel Mehring, Luke Pinion, Dianna Susitti, Karen Villarreal, Mary Wittwer

STAFF PRESENT: Danielle Birdeau, Mireya Casarrubias, Lisa Roberts, Esther Jensen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2017 MEETING

Just called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Mehring, to approve the CAFSAC minutes of November 16, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Darlene Johnson announced that due to Bylaw rules she will no longer be on the committee however will attend meetings until the Board determines a replacement.

COORDINATED SERVICES TEAM (CST) - Danielle Birdeau

Birdeau states that the CST has opportunities for facilitator training. There are 2 trainings scheduled by the State in the Southeast region. The first training is scheduled for March 23, 2018, the second training is scheduled for July 24, 2018. There is a 2-day coordination meeting for training facilities, May 8-9, 2018.

Birdeau will give an update at the next CAFSAC meeting regarding a 6-month performance report from a grant received through the State of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSAC) -Lisa Roberts

Roberts explains that the committee discusses the Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) and the Children's Long Term Support Program (CLTS). CCOP is used to support children that are on the Wait List. The SSAC is primarily made up of parent membership, many have children who have been a part of CCOP and/or the CLTS Waiver Program. The committee has been working on a plan to determine how they will dispense and distribute the CCOP funding to the families that are served. The committee meets quarterly.

The Children Long-Term Support Waiver received additional funding and have been mandated to eliminate the Wait List. The plan is to remove 406 children off the Wait List and be served this calendar year. Previously the average wait time had been over 5 years, to receive services. Roberts states that they will not be eliminating the wait list as they continually receive 10-15 referrals each month. At the end of the year they expect over 100 additional referrals. For enrollment in the program. Families apply through Compass Wisconsin: Threshold. Compass Wisconsin screens the children for eligibility, and must be deemed to need institutional level of care without having additional support and services. They also must have a Medicaid source and Compass Wisconsin can assist families get connected with Medicaid. When the child is in the

program they remain until they age out or move and/or they can transfer to another county. When they become adults they transition to the adult system.

The next CCOP meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at Health and Human Services in room 271 at 12:00 p.m.

JUDICIAL UPDATED/DRUG COURT - Judge K. Foster

Mary Wittwer from Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS)

Judge Foster could not attend. Wittwer provided information regarding Drug Court.

WCS completes case management for the drug court program.

Wittwer clarified that Drug Court is with a Deferred Prosecution Agreement, in which they have the opportunity to have their felony dropped to a misdemeanor. Admissions into the program happen in court with the deferred prosecution. The client is assessed with tools such as the Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) and the Texas Christian University Screening tool. They have to be high risk/high need, at least 18-years old, a Waukesha County resident, pending on a non-violent felony charge or no prior felony convictions, and willing to address their AODA issues. It is a 4-phase program taking about 18-months for the client to go through the program. Primarily enrolled are the Caucasian male population between the ages of 18-32; there are 98 participants between the ages of 18-25 and 92 participants between the ages of 26-32. They also have a recovery coach coordinator to mentor. Graduates are mentors and help aid the new clients in the program. This helps to keep the mentors accountable. If there is a relapse while the client is in the program, they receive additional help. The program is individualized to help the client move forward in sobriety. As people have graduated many have said that the program saved their lives.

Since the program began in 2012, they have had 98 participants graduate, 78 that have been discharged, primarily heroin addicts.

Jensen talks about a PBS special in regards of Opiates and drug courts. The video is provided on the PBS website: <http://www.pbs.org/wned/opioid-epidemic/home/>

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES-Matt Puthukulam-Corp Counsel

Puthukulam was unable to attend the meeting. Roberts provided an update of legislative changes.

Roberts states that Bill a.b.776 will make it easier for Foster home licensing, so that there is not a stop gap in service for the providers. The licensing is every 2 years for a foster parent. The pay that the foster parents receive is state funded. Foster parents pay is completed through an assessment called, Child Assess Needs and Strengths assessment which determines additional funding for the foster parent. There is a dollar amount that is determined with that score that is based on the different challenges that the foster parent will face referred to as Supplemental points.

Bill a.b.783 is a committee to study and will make recommendations on caseloads of child welfare workers. Wisconsin currently does not have any standards regarding caseload sizes and without the standards it would be difficult to add positions. Roberts reports that 30-45% of

social workers in the field, leave within the first two years of employment; listing high caseloads, case complexity, and thinning of support as the reasons. Research shows that when a family enters the social services case system, if they work with one social worker from the day that they start, they reach 75% permanency. Versus switching from one worker to another during their time in the system the number drops to 17%.

Bill 780- Juvenile Court has permanent hearings that are held for children that are in out-of-home care. The court is asking schools to provide written feedback/information to the court regarding any concerns/challenges/recommendations and have the information available at the Permanency hearing. Because this is not a requirement the information is not available at this time.

Bill a.b.782 makes available mental health information to the foster parent about the child they have in their care. At this time they rely on the parent to sign off on a Release of Information form and if the parent refuses the only option for the social worker is to transfer guardianship, which can be a lengthy process.

CHIPP/Public Health-Esther Jensen

CHIPP refers to the Community Health Improvement Program and Process. CHIPP began in 2010. Jensen distributed and reviewed a Public Health (PH) packet folder that included brochures and information about what PH provides such as Family Community Services, International Travel Clinics, On-call nurses, Bilingual Educators, and a Lead program.

Please see the attached Power Point that was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

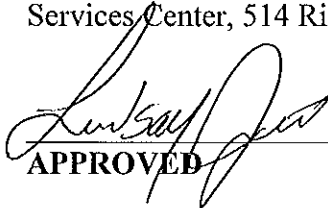
Mehring introduced Amy Baumann who is the new Supervised Visitation Program Manager at Parents Place. Mehring also shared several fliers for the Parents Place Community Education Program.

Johnson shared information about a program being held at the Brooklife Church on February 20, 2018 from 6:00-8:30p.m. called Stairway to Heroin by Your Choice.

Motion: Groh moved, second by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 271 of the Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue.


APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Mireya Casarrubias