

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Sara Barron, Bridget Ellingboe, Pamela Groh, Lindsay Just, Missy Kueht-Becker, Diane Ripple, John Schiraj, Jacqueline Smith, Karen Villarreal, Mary Wittwer

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp, Vickie Smith

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2016

A motion was made by Sara Barron, seconded by John Schiraj to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting.

SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There are no updates at this time.

ISSUES SEGMENT

Topics and future speakers for the 2017 Issues Segment were discussed. Karen Villarreal, Chair, will confirm the final list that will be shared with CAFSAC members before the end of the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROCESS (CHIPP) UPDATE

Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney, the Division Manager for the Public Health Department presented an update on the 2010-2015 CHIPP. CHIPP is a mechanism to assess and determine the priority health needs of Waukesha County residents. In a CHIPP, "health" is defined broadly and includes physical health, mental health, environmental health and other areas that contribute to overall well-being. The purpose of the CHIPP is to review and assess health needs from a variety of data sources and determine strengths and weaknesses. A plan is then developed to recommend strong programs in areas of need. Once a plan is developed, it is implemented and evaluated. In Wisconsin, the entire CHIPP generally spans a five year period to give enough time to observe community health improvements. There is a Steering Committee of community representatives that are community driven using hard data. The Public Health Division assembles a variety of statistics from across the community, and the data is analyzed for epidemiological outcomes.

The Waukesha County CHIPP Steering Committee will provide essential leadership over the course of the five years, with a request to individual members to commit to at least two years and the opportunity to continue annually after that time. The Steering committee determines what the leading health problems are in the County, for example the 2010-2015 CHIPP revealed high numbers of overdose and heroin deaths along with an increase in diabetes among adults due to growing obesity in the nation, and other health problems. At the time they were unaware of the severity of the heroin epidemic in part due to the State of Wisconsin and the Centers for Disease

Control not requiring Public Health, Medical Examiners or Hospitals to report cases of overdose due to Opiates and other drugs. Once the data was received a subcommittee reviewed the statistics noticing a change from previous reports. Previously they were seeing accidental overdose that was typically more common in older adults where now there was a significant difference with a higher incidence of death in younger adults in their 20's. Public Health had assessed the data ahead of many other groups with the information obtained from CHIPP recognizing an issue before it became known nationwide. An initiative that was developed due to the outcome from the 2010-2015 CHIPP data was the Heroin Task Force and also the Drug Affected Infants Group. The numbers of overdose and heroin deaths has increased and addiction began affecting young pregnant mothers and addicted parents trying to care for children. The Public Health Department will be launching the 2016-2021 CHIPP in November 2016.

There are many services available through the Waukesha County Public Health Department. Phone 262-896-8430 for more information, unless otherwise noted.

- Walk-In Services and Nurse Call Center
- Adult & Senior Citizen Care Coordination
- Child Health
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Communicable Disease
- Flu Information
- Fluoride Varnish for Children
- Immunization Program
- International Travel
- Pregnancy Services
- Public Health Preparedness
- School Personnel Resources
- Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) & HIV Clinics – 262-896-8450
- Statistics and Resources
- WIC Nutrition Program -262-896-8440

*Please note that the Hispanic Health Fair is: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD (RRPS)

Vickie Smith, Shared Services Supervisor for Waukesha County gave an overview of Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard which is a part of the Foster Care Licensing Program. In 2014 the Federal government came up with a legislative ruling that requires each state to have a form of a reasonable and prudent standard. Reasonable and Prudent Standard is a standard of decision making characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, cultural, religious or tribal considerations, and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child. It allows normalcy for children who have a court ordered placement such as placements with a relative, in a residential facility, a group home, shelter care facility and/or foster home.

When a parent's rights are removed they lose some of the control over the say of what can or cannot happen with their child, with the exception of haircuts, permission slips, and who they can stay with for respite. Cases where a child may want to have a sleepover at a friend's home, or attend a birthday party require the Department to obtain a background check on the friend's family before the child would be allowed to attend. With the legislative change it now allows foster parents and out of home care providers to make decisions that are age appropriate and developmentally appropriate for the child without consulting the Department or asking for permission from the biological parent. It enables providers to take ownership of the overall well-being of youth that are in care, and provide them with opportunities for normalcy. This has empowered our foster parents to treat all of the children in the home the same and has given children the ability to not be known as the "foster child" and also allows participation in after school sports activities, etc.

Smith noted that an issue that could create a barrier to permanency for children is with the standard that it does not require the out of home placement provider to consult with the biological parent as had previously been done. When the training began with the foster parents the Department instilled the "shared parenting" concept, and discussed different ways to incorporate shared parenting so children can be placed back into a permanent situation quicker. There is a required training for Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard that all out of home providers attend and a future focus on more shared parenting activities that can be done together which will allow the child to see the biological parent and the foster parent communicating and having interaction.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The group discussed the CAFSAC Membership List regarding the filling of vacancies and voting for new members for the next term. Voting will occur in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Pam Groh moved to adjourn, seconded by Missy Kueht-Becker at 9:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 271 at the Human Services Center Building, 514 Riverview Avenue.

October 20, 2016

APPROVED

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Kokan,
Administrative Specialist*