

**OPEN MEETING - MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County Health and Human Services**  
**Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)**  
**May 20, 2021**

**Present CAFSAC Members:** Kristin Agenten, Laura Cherone, Sarah Matson, Maura McMahon, Raquel Mehring, Holly Neubert, Luke Pinion, Renee Ramirez, Mary Sweeney, Mary Adele Revoy (Chair), Jessica Trauth

**Absent CAFSAC Members:** Colleen Allen, Rob Jadrnicek, Darlene Johnson, Dua Vang-Ramirez, Karen Villarreal (Vice Chair)

**HHS Board Liaison:** Bob Menefee

**HHS Staff Liaisons:** Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp

**Guests:** Laura Armstrong (proxy for Allen), Nicole Breu, Carly Corcoran, Jessica Hannaman

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Revoy called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

Ramirez arrived at 8:33 a.m. McMahon arrived at 8:34 a.m.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Pinion moved, second by Menefee, to approve CAFSAC minutes of April 15, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**3. Committee Business**

**a. Continue Discussion of Agenda Items for 2021**

- Community Smiles Dental Presentation in June
- July meeting will be for voting on Chair and Vice Chair for the committee
- No meeting in August

**b. Recruiting a Consumer Representative Member**

There has been no progress obtaining a Consumer Representative for the committee yet.

**4. Sexual Abuse Awareness Month Updates – Jessica Trauth, Director of Shelter and Transitional Living Services, The Women’s Center, Inc.**

Trauth gave an overview of The Women’s Center (TWC) and the services they offer, including:

- Shelter
- Transitional Living Program – individuals can live there for up to 2 years
- Individual and Group Advocacy
- Assistance with filing temporary restraining orders
- Court support – not able to give legal advice due to no attorneys on staff but can give referrals
- Housing support
- Trainings and workshops
- Unable to provide counseling services due to not being a licensed therapy facility but can refer out for services
- Podcast and YouTube channel with printed digital materials to support each podcast

TWC is not only for women and children, their services are open to all genders. The mission is to provide safety, shelter, and support for everyone.

Cherone arrived at 8:49 a.m.

There are three main awareness months that TWC focuses on:

- February is teen dating violence awareness and TWC does school presentations and trainings to bring awareness to this in the schools.
- April is sexual assault and child abuse awareness. TWC has their largest fundraiser in April, due to COVID, it was done virtually this year. During April, TWC gives out sexual assault awareness toolkits which include resources on how to support and educate individuals.
- October is Domestic Violence (DV) awareness

Currently, TWC is working on the implementation of the lethality assessment protocol with victim service providers and law enforcement. The assessment consists of 12 questions that law enforcement would ask at the scene of a DV incident and helps to determine the likelihood of the relationship ending in a fatality. Individuals connected to services early on in the relationship have a 60% decrease in the likelihood of the relationship ending in fatality.

There is a domestic and sexual violence Coordinated Community Response Team that meets quarterly to look into services for survivors. The response team are also active participants in the Human Trafficking Task Force.

TWC is actively hiring in the shelter and advocacy program for second and third shift direct service positions.

For additional information on TWC, call the 24-hour hotline at 262-542-3828 or go to: <https://twcwaukesha.org/>

## **5. Committee and Organization Updates**

### **a. HHS Board Liaison**

The next Board meeting is May 20.

### **b. HHS Staff Liaison**

There were no additional updates from the Staff Liaison.

#### **i. COVID-19 Updates**

The final community mass clinic was held on May 19 at the Expo Center. Waukesha County partnered with Walgreens to have a vaccine clinic at La Casa on May 15. The County as a whole is a little over 50% vaccinated but this is based on total population even though the total population is not yet eligible for the vaccine. Contact tracing has become automated via electronic notification system that sends text messages.

#### **ii. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

There was no discussion about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Mullooly stated that all of the information can be found in the handout titled "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Summary."

### **c. Schools**

Pinion announced that the School District of Waukesha (SDW) Board voted to eliminate quarantining of direct contact presumed positive for those awaiting COVID tests. SDW is still contact tracing and notifying staff, students, and families when in the category of direct

contact. The SDW Board also voted to make mask wearing optional. Parents still have the live streaming option for the remainder of the school year.

There is a 2-part series for Parenting to Prevent Substance Use beginning tonight from 6-7 p.m. For additional information go to:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g3OcNI0I9IsdC6O0jw4c144SxPx-yKIO/view?usp=sharing>

Matson left at 9:23 a.m.

The Blessings in a Backpack program is currently in 7 schools and provides food for the weekends to all students. This program will be available in all 13 elementary schools in SDW next school year.

SDW is continuing to grow its school-based mental health services. SDW was awarded the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This grant will help to expand the level of support provided to eAchieve students as well as the Hispanic and Latin communities.

## **6. Agency Updates/Announcements**

Parent's Place started a parenting through recovery group that will be held on Monday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. Parent's Place is hiring for a full-time Community Response Program Specialist to work with families due to receiving a grant to increase capacity. The Community Response Program is a short-term program to connect struggling families with resources, support, education, and financial assistance.

Family and Community Health is now able to take referrals for pregnant women and children. Public Health is currently in a rebuilding phase to re-evaluate the programs to insure they are meeting the needs and filling gaps in the community. Call Public Health at 262-896-8430 or go to: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/PublicHealth/> for more information.

Attendees discussed how their agencies are responding to returning to in-person services and their mask policies, including:

- At Elevate, all adult appointments are back to being in-person, however, clients can still request virtual appointments. Staff members are back to being in the office full-time, with masks being mandatory for all.
- Community Smiles Dental has been at regular operations since June 2020. Health screenings are being completed for all clients when they come in for their appointments and masks are still required. Community Smiles Dental is no longer screening employees before they enter the building.
- The Public Defender's Office is deciding what they will do for hearings going forward. There have been some suggestions for new guidance because of the benefits of having the virtual option for people with mobility issues.
- Family Service is requiring all full-time staff to be back 20% of their schedule, at least one day per week. Therapists are assessing the needs of their clients for in-person or virtual appointments and clients are able to make specific requests for what they would prefer.

## **7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Community Smiles Dental presentation
- Discussion of the mask policy at different agencies

## **8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion: Cherone moved, second by McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes were approved on June 17, 2021.