

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Human Services Center Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) October 15, 2020

Present CAFSAC Committee: Kristin Agenten, Colleen Allen, Laura Cherone, Rob Jadrnicek, Lindsay Just, Maura McMahon, Raquel Mehring, Luke Pinion, Renee Ramirez, Diane Ripple, Mary Sweeney, Dua Vang-Ramirez, Karen Villarreal

Absent CAFSAC Committee: Darlene Johnson, Sarah Matson, Mary Adele Revoy

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp

Guests: Danielle Birdeau, Sarah Barron, Mireya Casarrubias, Pam Groh, Amanda Huber

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Villarreal called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Vice Chair Villarreal did attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mehring moved, second by McMahon, to approve the CAFSAC minutes of September 17, 2020. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Status of Consumer Rep member

Villarreal reported that she has not found a family that is willing to do the time commitment yet for being a member in CAFSAC.

Barron reported that she was at the Special Services Advisory Committee (SSAC), and there were parents expressing concern of the time frame of the meetings, as SSAC meets four times a year, and CAFSAC meets 10 times a year.

Villarreal asked if there were other agency members that would be able to reach out to parents to join the CAFSAC committee. Allen, from ProHealth, Inc. shared that she will also reach out to some families.

b. Discussion of Critical Needs for Children and Family in Waukesha County

Ripple requested to hear about the Family First Act. Mullooly provided information in regards Family First changes the stream of funding for some agencies. Ripple also requested to know information about how the COVID pandemic has affected the services of the agencies.

Villarreal expressed that the Critical Needs presentation topic will be discussed at every meeting, so the committee will be prepared to present to the County Board next year.

4. The Women's Center – Diane Ripple

Ripple provided and went through a PowerPoint. Please see attachment.

Currently the Women's Center is full, Ripple shared they are purposely keeping low numbers to be able to continue the social distancing and are prioritizing those clients that have the biggest safety concerns.

5. Reports

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

Menefee informed the CAFSAC committee that the Health and Human Services Board have been immersed in the contact tracing, and will be a significant challenge in the months ahead. Funding for contact tracing goes until the end of this year, Menefee stated that Federal Funding support will be needed in 2021.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

Pupp reported that there is a contingency plan, in case the funding for contact tracing does not occur in 2021. If the funding cannot continue, Health and Human services staff will need to be redeployed once more to help with Public Health.

Pupp also informed the committee that the final budget presentation was completed in front of the Finance Committee, the budget was passed.

Birdeau shared how much of the outpatient clinical staff have returned to the building and what services are now being able to be provided in person.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

Pinion informed what has occurred currently in Waukesha County schools. The school board had decided that all children attending secondary schools will be attending on Monday as virtual and Tuesday through Friday in person. Those parents who are uncomfortable having their children attend school in person, are able to have their children enroll for online schooling all 5 days a week. Groh shared for Muskego Norway, the schools are doing in person education five days a week, and the students are required to wear a mask while inside the building. Cherone shared the Family Services provides mental health and therapy services for schools in the Waukesha school district and also in Muskego. The therapists at this time are providing in person services in the schools, but are also providing virtual services. Some therapists have been exposed to COVID-19, and have been quarantined.

Allen, ProHealth Care are continuing to provide services in behavioral health that are virtual and telephonic appointments. The Delafield clinic reopened last week. There are still restrictions for visitation in the hospitals and clinics due to COVID-19 and in the last week there was a 46% increase in the number of inpatients with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, 16% increase in patients with a rule out status for covid-19, an increase of 36% for COVID-19 test orders, and an increase of 61% of positive COVID-19 test results. The hospitals are trying to provide different forms in meeting the patients needs, by providing virtual tours and virtual learning classes.

Ripple informed the committee members that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Women's Center is planning a virtual tool kit, they also have purple bracelets and magnets that can be picked up in person, along with having their silhouettes up.

Villarreal relayed to the committee that Easter Seals moved once more. Easter Seals is still located in West Allis. The phone number to reach the agency however, is still the same. The new address is now 6737 W. Washington Street, Suite 4205.

Ramirez, Family Dental, reminded the committee that both of the clinics in Waukesha and Menomonee Falls are now open with regular business hours. The Menomonee Falls location also works with clients that are in Milwaukee, Washington, and Ozaukee County. The Menomonee Falls location is also now accepting adult patients. The initial appointment is done with students at MATC, the office in Menomonee Falls can do the follow-up care. Family Dental continue to work with uninsured or Medicaid insurance, to make an appointment call 262-522-2250 ext. 2250 and speak with Carly.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There was no discussion.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Ramirez moved, second by McMahon to adjourn the CAFSAC meeting at 9:27 a.m. Motion passed without a negative vote.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. as a virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams of the Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by Mireya Casarrubias.

Minutes Were Approved on November 19, 2020.