

**Waukesha County Health and Human Services Department
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee Minutes
February 15, 2018**

Present CAFSAC Committee: Jenn Anderson, Sara Barron, Danielle Birdeau, Pam Groh, Yvette Hernandez, Esther Jensen, Lindsay Just, Sarah Matson, Maura McMahon, Raquel Mehring, Kerri Modernmott, Callie Pauc, Luke Pinion, John Schiraj, Mary Wittwer

Absent CAFSAC Committee: Laura Cherone, Judge Kathryn Foster, Rob Jadrnicek, Mary Madden, Mary Adele Revoy, Diane Ripple, Dianna Susitti, Karen Villarreal

HHS Staff Liaison: Lisa Roberts

Guest: Eric Calvino

1. **Call to Order**
Chair Just called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion: Groh moved, second by Pinion, to approve the CAFSAC minutes of January 18, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Board Liaison Report**
Just informed the committee that while Darlene Johnson was acting board liaison, she was not the committee's official HHS Board liaison designee. Ron Pupp had commented to Just that the issue will be presented to the HHS Board to designate a new liaison for the committee.
4. **Human Trafficking – Mariana Rodriguez from UMOs**
This topic has been tabled until a future meeting.
5. **Human Trafficking Task Force – Eric Calvino**
Calvino, a Child and Family division supervisor gave a brief background on his 20 year work history at Kenosha County. In his last year in Kenosha, he was very involved in the prevention of human trafficking. Calvino explained to the committee that most parents were dealing with trafficking/selling themselves for money. This occurs as child welfare takes the children away from the parents, and they lose their benefits and means of support due to many not having job skills or having felonies on their record. This opens a way for them to become human trafficking victims. When Calvino came to Waukesha County, he found that while there are many agencies and resources for human trafficking, the agencies are not aware of the information that the others are providing. This has led to an issue with mixed information being provided to those in need of services. Roberts commented that there is no coordinated effort from agencies in Waukesha County, due to many places not believing that Waukesha County has a problem with human trafficking.

Calvino has reached out to consultant, Johnathan Cloud, to set up a Summit to prepare for a county-wide effort to raise awareness of human trafficking in Waukesha County. The Women's Center has also become involved with setting up for the Summit, which is planned to occur on June 11 at Aurora in Oconomowoc.

The human trafficking task force hope to develop work groups in the areas of public awareness and youth involvement. They plan to educate law enforcement, working on having victim advocates present, and ensuring victims are treated as victims not criminals. They hope to collaborate with the District Attorney's (DA) office. Roberts commented that committee members should be trained to identify human trafficking victims, so they may be able to further aid the victim.

Calvino encouraged the committee to view the Task Force's unofficial Facebook page called "Anti-Trafficking Coalition of Waukesha County."

6. Truancy Task Force Committee Update – Luke Pinion

Pinion stated that they are transferring ownership of the Truancy Task Force Committee from Waukesha County to the Waukesha County School Districts. Jamie Dobner and Pinion will be facilitating the meetings. They plan on extending an invitation to the school districts who have not been a part of the committee, as only 3 or 4 districts are being represented at the meetings.

There was a questionnaire that was sent out to the staff of Waukesha County School Districts. With the results that came back, they will be structuring subcommittees from the themes that arose. Some themes are intervention, policy and procedure recommendations, parent outreach and collaboration, medical excuses, and the county and school collaboration. By September, the Truancy Task Force hopes to have an outline of the recommendations, initiatives, and efforts that will be implemented at all Waukesha County school districts.

The next committee meeting is in March.

7. Unmet Needs Discussion

Just provided an overview of the 2017 Unmet Needs Presentation that included the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) report, opiates and addiction, and truancy.

For the 2018 Unmet Needs presentation, the committee discussed keeping the list from 2017 and adding foster care. The committee would like to demonstrate how foster care corresponds with the CHIPP Initiative by asking several clients that have used foster care resources to present their story to the HHS Board.

Just invited the committee members to join in preparing the presentation. The planning meetings will take place at the Health and Human Services Center, in room 271, on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 1, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (following the CAFSAC meeting)

The CAFSAC Unmet Needs presentation will be occur on March 22 at 2:45 p.m.

8. **Agency Updates / Announcements**

No report.

9. **Adjourn**

Motion: Groh moved, second by Mehring, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 271 of the Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue.



Approved by Chair Just

Respectfully submitted by Mireya Casarrubias

