

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 21, 2008**

PRESENT: Missy Kueht-Becker, Diane Ripple, Dennis Farrell, Barb Holtz, Jim Pearson, Ron Pupp, Sarah Matson, Sara Carpenter, Jenny Hawes, Kim Sue Lamster, Don Harris, Barbara Vaughn Peterson, Joe Vitale, Eden Christman Dreyer, Caitlen Daniels

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Slesar, Jesús Mireles, Eve Altizer

Ron Pupp called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and introductions were exchanged. Jane DeGeorge, Programs Director with the Mental Health Association has resigned her position and accepted a position back with Catholic Charities. Jenny Hawes will be our new representative from the Mental Health Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sara Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Don Harris to approve the minutes of January 17, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Dennis Farrell reported that the Health and Human Services Board last met on January 31, 2008. Community Care and Care Wisconsin gave a presentation about the change from Long Term Care to Family Care to the Health and Human Services Board.

Dennis noted that changes have already begun to take place with the County Board as they will be scaling down from 35 Board members to 25. He mentioned that he and Joe Vitale would not be running this year to seek re-election. In Tuesday's run off election there were three individuals running – Walter Kolb, Bill Mitchell, and Rodell Singert. Mr. Kolb and Mr. Mitchell have advanced to the general election and Mr. Singert was eliminated.

The DDAC Advisory Committee will continue in its current role, and members questioned who will represent them and what Advisory Committee they will report to. Dennis will keep us posted on the outcome of his meetings with County Executive and other individuals.

Another item of concern is that the County is getting out of the long term care business. With that said, the group questioned what role the Children and Family Services Advisory Committee will take on and asked for clarification whether the ADRC service with children and families.

On February 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., the DDAC will be presenting their Needs List to the Health and Human Services Board.

ISSUE SEGMENT

Ron Pupp introduced Eden Christman Dreyer who is with the STAR program, which is one of the Children Service Society Programs. Augustina Garba is the Coordinator of the STAR Program and was unable to attend.

The STAR Program has been serving teens at risk since 1980. The goal is to identify and address the needs of the Adolescent 12-17 years of age who is causing disruption in the family home, considered a runaway, or who may have other issues. Several components of the program are:

- 24-hour hotline, 7 days a week where teens or parents can call to get referral information, discuss a crisis, or set up appointments for counseling. Individual and family counseling is available and voluntary up to eight sessions free.
- Therapy Referrals if additional intensive therapy is needed after the eight counseling sessions.
- Short term Foster or Shelter Care (up to two weeks).
- Community Outreach, presentations to agencies, go out into the schools discuss issues related to teens – coping strategies, parent strategies or other social issues to address and prevent some of the at risk behaviors.
- Youth Outreach – Mentoring with teens

The STAR program is part of the Wisconsin Association for Runaway and Homeless Youth. There are twenty-two other agencies within the State where members collaboratively work to get funding, share best practices, and other trainings. The consortium of twenty-two agencies bid on money together and divide based upon population size. The state of Wisconsin and Hawaii are the only two states that follow this model.

REVIEW NEEDS LIST

Ron Pupp thanked Diane Ripple for her strong support, Sara Carpenter, and Faith Holley-Beal in assisting with the Needs List. The subcommittee met and updated last year's PowerPoint slide show that was well received last year. The next meeting will be February 27, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the Human Services Center. Ron asked all to submit information on what programs within their agency faced a reduction or elimination in services last year, as well as cuts or layoffs. Ron asked several questions including: How have these reductions affected the county? Highlight the names of the programs and how it was cut. All agencies used to do fundraising activities to give a little extra to the families we serve; now we do fundraising activities to make ends meet otherwise groups would have to be cut. If unable to make the next meeting, send an email to Ron Pupp and he will do his best to incorporate them into the PowerPoint presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two community presentations, sponsored by the Mental Health Association in Waukesha and Rogers Memorial Hospital are:

- Working with Difficult Parents – Tuesday, March 11, 2008 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Goodwill Service Center, Nike Drive in Waukesha.
- Reactive Attachment Disorder – Detachment Issues in Children, Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Goodwill Service Center, Nike Drive in Waukesha.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Approved on _____
(Date)