

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 15, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Diane Ripple, Joe Vitale, Jim Pearson, Ron Pupp, Meg Kasprovicz, Nichole Hunkins, Sarah Matson, Greg Jonas, Katie Miller, Taña Rodriguez, Ed Cohen, Kathy Duffek

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jesús Mireles, Antwayne Robertson

Jim Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joe Vitale made a motion, seconded by Marge Kasprovicz to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009. The motion was voted on and carried.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Joe Vitale reported on some highlights of subcommittees of the Health and Human Services Board. He was pleased to announce that the \$50,000 that was removed from the UCP Respite Care has been restored. He commended Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney and her staff for being on top of this whole H1N1 situation, and the agencies present for all the preventive work that occurs behind the scenes.

Nicole Hunkins shared that UCP is looking to identify funding sources for families that are currently on the waiting list for respite and for families in our Children's Long Term Care Support area. UCP has also expanded respite for children with developmental disabilities and mental health issues this past year. The waiting list should be eliminated within four to five months due to all of the children's long term care redesign as they have had a waiting list for the last eight to nine years.

**ISSUE SEGMENT: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY**

Katie Miller was present. She is the Community Liaison for the National Children's Study in Waukesha County. Katie shared a PowerPoint presentation talking about the goals and the community outreach relationship and how it has evolved. The study is the largest most comprehensive study of the nation's children to learn about how their every day environment impacts children's health. The study will follow children from preconception to age 21. There are 105 communities including the 17 neighborhoods of Waukesha County that are participating and 45% of women who are eligible have agreed to participate. The most intense piece to date is the door to door recruitment. We have been actively recruiting for the past six months with posters, sending information home through schools, the medical community, the media, and through group/organization study supporters. A question and answer period followed.

## **CHILDREN'S SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jesus Mireles reported that the next committee meeting is October 22, 2009. He noted that at the last meeting committee members and parents suggested we have a resource fair and identify community providers who work with children with special needs. Place and time still to be determined. We anticipate 53 new State fully funded waiver slots from now through 2010 (2011) with the stimulus (ARRA) funding that the Department will be receiving. In addition, the State is also pursuing a Children's Long Term Support Waiver for the Birth to Three program.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PPAC is offering two SCAN-MRT Trainings on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran Social Services and Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Center for Learning Excellence. The Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect Mandatory Reporter training is designed for any professional or paraprofessional working in the child and family services field. RSVP to Barb Holtz by November 4, 262-549-5987 or [barb@ppacinc.org](mailto:barb@ppacinc.org)

A new group will be forming at the Children's Service Society beginning November. This new group is for children ages 7-11 with Autism or Asperger's disease. The training is introductory social skills type training with a group size of eight children. For further details contact Jenny P. at the Waukesha office.

Month of October is Medicine Abuse Awareness month. On October 3, 2009, 3,000 pounds of medicine was collected, of which 300 pounds were controlled substances.

A PowerPoint presentation of the Department's Quality Service Review overview of what we are doing and in the future will be presented in January as an Issue Segment.

The Waukesha Night Out in August will begin meeting again in January 2010. The theme is Community Safety. The community event is usually the first Tuesday in August, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with a lot of fun stuff for children and parents to do.

Greg Jonas with the Waukesha Police Department is also doing a presentation on Internet Safety at Mt. Calvary for children and parents. Further details to follow.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)