

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 20, 2010**

PRESENT: Joe Vitale, Diane Ripple, Missy Kueht-Becker, Judy Hickey, Clair DalleMolle, Kathy Duffek, Raquel Mehring, Ron Pupp, Meghan Sprager, Don Harris, Jim Pearson, Sarah Carpenter

STAFF PRESENT: Antwayne Robertson, Jesús Mireles, Peter Slesar

Diane Ripple called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane Ripple made a motion, seconded by Joe Vitale to approve the minutes of March 18, 2010.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Joe Vitale discussed the budget for 2011 indicating that it will be challenging. Next year's budget will be painful, but hopefully 2012 and beyond will be more favorable. He stated that Janel Brandtjen is the new chair of the HHS Committee. Joe stated that Duane Paulson had done an excellent job, citing that he took committee board members on field trips to personally visit the agencies and find out how clients needs are met. Joe suggested sending Chairperson Duane Paulson a thank you note for his hard work. Joe asked about duplication of services and suggested the committee look into this further.

Joe expressed concern about people in jail because of drug and/or alcohol problems. Why are addicts treated the same as bank robbers? Jesús Mireles stated sharing stories of successes is the key to getting the message out. They discussed a very powerful story from a woman who spoke at the Public Hearing about the needed help she received from the Women's Center. Jesús talked about administrative overhead concerns, and advised that collaboration could result in cost savings. Megan Sprager asked if the budgets have been released, and Jesús stated not until June. April and May were when they anticipate and start planning for what the reductions might be. Joe talked about the 5 to 6 billion dollar deficit facing the State. The Health and Human Services budget is reviewed by the Board on July 21, 22, and 23 (if needed). Jesús encouraged presentations to the HHS Board and advised to contact the Health and Human Services Committee if interested (after July budget review).

ISSUE SEGMENT – PARENTS PLACE (Kathy Duffek)

Parents' Place was originally a program of Children's Service Society of Wisconsin (CSSW) and has evolved to meet the needs in our community. Much has changed. Parents' Place is a program of Prevention and Protection of Abused Children (PPAC). Parents' Place provides anger management programs for adults, children and parents. There are three age groups. MSW's coordinate with six volunteers, while children and parents meet in the other room. Para-

professionals were used to facilitate the groups, now they have more skilled staff. Breaking through Depression is a program wherein families connect with one another. The Parenting between Two Homes Program works on the emotional needs of the children. Parents meet together and work together to make it best for kids. Parents' Place is in collaboration with LaCasa to develop another support group. Jesús added that county staff social workers are referring families to the Love and Logic Parenting Program provided by Parents' Place. Kathy's getting feedback from parent, sharing how much they want to help. There's a parents group thank you picnic for staff and participants. This way the parents change their own behavior and it changes their own children's behavior. Kathy shared stories and letters from participants. Peter brought up how we need to state not only current well being, but also the long-term impact.

Joe discussed how society would be impacted and what the outcome would be if certain programs and services disappeared, and suggested we offer educational opportunities for the Board through these societal impacts.

Antwayne will contact Universities to see if someone can provide technical assistance or a student intern to assist the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B-3 UW Whitewater free hearing screenings, May 26, 8:00 – 2:00; B-3 Bravado Spaghetti Challenge, June 4th and B-3 Bravado Triathlon, June 5th.

PPAC looking for a part time receptionist.

A chairperson is needed for the July 15 CAFSAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Approved on 6-17-10
(Date)