

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Dennis Farrell, Glenn Lee, Lorraine Lee, Carolyn Lien, Lee Wolfs, Doreen Eicher, Debra Patterson, Julia Loritz, Eugene Zacharyasz, Kevin Silkey, Nicole Hunkins, Julie Turkoske, Ben Jayne, Tony Goh, Angie Brunhart, Diane Chilinski, Jane Kirchhoff

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jack Bodien

Julie Turkoske called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed Perry Mueller of Community Care.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members exchanged introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

Lorraine Lee made a motion, seconded by Doreen Eicher to approve the minutes of November 14, 2007. The motion was voted on and carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2007**

Carolyn Lien reported a correction on page 3 under Regional Office Updates, February's topic should read "Behavioral Signs of Medical Conditions". With the reported correction to the minutes, Glenn Lee made a motion, seconded by Amy Uker to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007. The motion was voted on and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OR GUESTS**

The ACAP Players will be performing at the Waukesha Civic Theatre, on February 28 and March 5, two performances – one at 1:00 p.m. and one at 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets in advance as last year's performance was sold out.

Julia Loritz received an email from Brian Peters who is with Independence First. Brian Peters is working on establishing a forum of individuals who would be interested in the topic of creating a Waukesha Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing. Jack Bodien mentioned that there is a housing action coalition, chaired by Bernie Juno that has been functioning here in Waukesha County for a while. If interested, see Julia after the meeting.

Glenn Lee voiced his concerns about the presidential primaries.

## **DDAC REPORTS**

### **A. Health & Human Services Board**

Dennis Farrell wanted to clarify that he will not be leaving his position with the Health and Human Services Board, as was reported in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The article indicated that Ms. Flor Gonzales, who is employed with M&I Bank, would be replacing Dennis, which is falsely stated, and instead should have read that she was just appointed on January 8th to serve on the Health and Human Services Board.

Dennis also shared copies of an article that appeared in the December 23, 2007 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, where Curative defended the Ranch's cuts related to the closure of the therapeutic horseback riding program.

Dennis mentioned that in April, 2008 Ms. Olson, who is with the Washington County Department of Aging, whom he had invited to speak to us earlier this past year regarding Washington County's Transportation Operation will be leaving and going to the Department of Highways.

Dates for upcoming HHS Board and Committee meetings are:

January 31, 2008 – HHS Board meeting

February 28, 2008 – DDAC Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

March 13, 2008 – AODA/MH Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

March 27, 2008 – CAFSAC/Public Health Needs List Presentation to the HHS Board and Committee

HHS Public Hearing will be the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May 2008. More details will be forthcoming.

With the unmet needs presentation coming up in February we will need to establish our subcommittee. If interested in volunteering to be a part of this subcommittee, we will meet briefly after today's meeting.

### **B. Family Support**

The next Family Support meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

### **C. Long Term Care Manager**

Jack Bodien reported that the Waukesha County ADRC is scheduled to begin operations on a limited basis April 2008. Remodeling/prep work is scheduled to begin today. The west parking lot of the Human Services Center is being prepared to accommodate the mobile manufactured buildings that were purchased from the Ranch/Curative. The Long Term Care Department continues to work on a transition plan that has to be approved by the State for our current waiver recipients to transfer them to one of the Managed Care Organizations. Both Managed Care Organizations will be offering partnership and family care, and there will be many options for

individuals to receive services. Starting in July 2008, the department will begin to reduce the waiting list, and any issues over the next couple of months will be brought to the attention of the newly formed Transition Committee.

An announcement about our first community education meeting has been sent to all of our providers to distribute to our clients. The first meeting is for current waiver recipients to educate them on how family care and partnership will work in Waukesha County. Separate provider meetings around rates and contracts, as well as separate meetings for individuals on waiting lists will be forthcoming. A press release regarding Long Term Care Services transition to Family Care will be released today from the County Executive's office.

#### **D. Birth to Three**

Missy Kueht-Becker was not in attendance but provided a written report indicating that there has not been any extreme status change with the Lutheran Social Services Birth to Three program, and hopes to report on the 2007 year-end at the next meeting.

#### **E. Continuing Education/Technical School**

No Report.

#### **F. Transportation Subcommittee**

No Report.

#### **G. People Can't Wait Coalition**

The group has not met since their last meeting. The next meeting will be on February 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at Heinemann's Restaurant. All are welcomed to attend.

#### **H. Direct Caregivers Report**

Kevin Silkey with Paragon Community Services reported that Paragon has reorganized some activities and outings at their Moreland and other activity locations.

Amy Uker reported that things are going well at the Curative/Ranch, and that it was unfortunate with the closing of the therapeutic horseback riding program, and thanked Dennis Farrell for bringing copies of the article.

#### **I. Regional Office Updates**

Carolyn Lien reported about the Southeast Employment Consortium group. Jackie Wells, Regional Coordinator for the Pathway Program began the SE Employment Consortium to discuss employment issues for individuals with disabilities, barriers to employment – figuring out ways to reach out to employers so they hire individuals with disabilities. The group is working on formulating a mission statement and is looking for new members. The group meets

every other month at the Bayview Library on South Kinnickinnic Avenue. The next meeting is February 7, 2008. If interested in joining the consortium's efforts, see Carolyn after the meeting.

Perry Mueller of Community Care is with us today to give us an update on the Family Care Managed Care program. The timetable has shifted back a month. Sheboygan County will begin enrolling current consumers beginning in February, Ozaukee County in March, Washington County in April, and Waukesha County in July. For Waukesha County, Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services LTC Division and the Department of Senior Services will become one and manage the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Perry anticipates that the role of the DDAC committee will be some type of advisory role with Community Care. Perry touched on his personal experience in coming to Community Care and what he sees the future rolling out in Waukesha County. He came to Community Care in July. Currently he is stationed in Racine and Kenosha . In Racine County, the waiting list was eliminated, and they enrolled over 1,500 individuals in one year in Racine and Kenosha. Roughly, we are seeing a lot more individuals than we first anticipated, about 40% are individuals with a developmental disability, 40% elderly, and about 10% are physically disabled. The group has been working out issues as we go, and we are excited to have a nurse as part of the team.

A committee member questioned the role of the DDAC committee. Dennis Farrell will follow-up with County Executive Dan Vrakas and find out how this committee will continue.

A question and answer period followed.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the DDAC will be held on February 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Goodwill on Nike Drive in Waukesha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date