

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 12, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Dennis Farrell, Glenn Lee, Lorraine Lee, Carolyn Lien, Doreen Eicher, Debra Patterson, Julia Loritz, Eugene Zacharyasz, Kevin Silkey, Nicole Hunkins, Julie Turkoske, Tony Goh, Angie Brunhart, Jane Kirchhoff, Melissa Yucas, Kitty Berkovity, Amy Uker, Judy Larsen, Marge Kastenholz, Sandy Summerfield, Missy Kueht-Becker, Jacquelyn Cram

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jack Bodien

Julie Turkoske called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members exchanged introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

Judy Larsen made a motion, seconded by Julia Loritz to approve the minutes of February 13, 2008 with the noted change; Brian Peters is with Independence First instead of the Housing Authority that was listed. The motion was voted on and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OR GUESTS**

In March, the Goodwill Waukesha facility will be expanding and offering programs on three Saturdays – two Saturdays will be for recreational and more community outings, and one for more in house workshops. The programs are open to anyone with disabilities and you will need to provide your own transportation to and from the facility. Next month Karyn Halmsted will be present to tell us more about the programs.

The Paragon Activity Club kick off is February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mooreland location. The community-based program is for children up to the age of 21 years old, two Saturdays a month with the hope of expanding to evenings. Kevin Silkey introduced the new Coordinator for the Calhoun site, Kristen Berkovitz.

**DDAC REPORTS**

**A. Health & Human Services Board**

Dennis Farrell reported that the Health and Human Services Board met on January 31, 2008 where Jack Bodien, Long Term Care Division Manager, Cathy Bellovary, Director of Senior Services, and representatives from Community Care and Care Wisconsin gave a presentation on long term care planning and an update on the ADRC. Another Family Care forum session will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Waukesha County Expo Center, the first session at 3:00 p.m. and

second session at 6:00 p.m. On March 12, provider Family Care meetings will be held at Elmbrook Church.

## **B. Family Support**

The Family Support Advisory Committee met on January 17, 2008. The group reviewed the purpose and expectation of the Family Support Plan for 2008, the long term waiver support match, and the procedure for one to receive family support. The group would like to have someone come and talk about the waivers and Birth to Three at their next meeting and from there subcommittees will be formed to update the questionnaire, discuss outreach and the evaluations. The committee felt that not enough outreach was being done. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2008.

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

Jack Bodien reported that the initial transition plan on how we see transitioning the current waiver clients was submitted to the State about three weeks ago, and as of yesterday the plan was tentatively approved. The transition plan will include approximately 1,300 individuals. Tomorrow, Jack Bodien will be involved in a conference call with the State regarding the ADRC application. Jack is currently working on the enrollment plan for the ADRC to ensure individuals who are eligible are moved quickly to the MCO's. A functional screen and financial assessment will be conducted first before an individual can be put on the waiting list. An individual would have to meet functional and financial eligibility before they can get on the waiting list. The ADRC will be doing a lot of outreach to the schools.

## **D. Birth to Three**

Missy Kueht-Becker reported that the Lutheran Social Services Birth to Three Program has had a significant loss in 2007 and continues to ask the State for support in administering the Birth to Three Program in Waukesha County. Groups who refer to Birth to Three do not always understand how the process work, so we need to create a better understanding and communication with those groups. She noted that Jesus Mireles, Division Manager of the Child and Family Services area with Waukesha County met with representatives from Children's Hospital to discuss concerns with Birth to Three, targeting pediatricians that feed out of Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Missy reported that LSS wrote a grant to the Wisconsin Dental Association on behalf of children with disabilities and the Wisconsin Dental Association responded back with an electric toothbrush for each child.

There has also been some leadership changes at LSS. Ed Kohl, who was the Regional Vice President resigned and Barb Wallner will be gone at the end of February pursuing other opportunities. The new interim director will be Ron Hauser.

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

No Report.

## **F. Transportation Subcommittee**

Dennis Farrell asked whether the MCO's will be providing transportation. Jack Bodien noted that the MCO will provide transportation if it is included in the individual's service plan.

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

Doreen Eicher reported that the new brochures and bookmarks will be available at the March meeting. The next meeting will be on March 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Heinemann's Restaurant. The group will be discussing the possibility of a legislative event in the Fall and advocacy training in preparation for the public hearing on April 30, 2008.

## **H. Direct Caregivers Report**

No Report.

## **I. Regional Office Updates**

Carolyn Lien announced that some of the training and health disparities groups that she is involved with would be having an event on April 9<sup>th</sup>, either in Washington or Ozaukee County. More details to be forthcoming. Another training that Carolyn is involved in coordinating, Ethics Committee and End of Life Issues, will be geared toward parents and guardians.

## **NEEDS LIST**

Julie Turkoske reported the subcommittee has met and the DDAC will be making their presentation on February 28, 2008. Nicole Hunkins will be presenting the oral part of the presentation. The presentation will start out with the Mission Statement and what the DDAC advocates for. We will recommend that the Health and Human Services Board continue to address family support and respite.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the DDAC will be held on March 12, 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