

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
May 19, 2022

Present CAFSAC Members: Prohealth Care, Inc. (Colleen Allen), Family Service (Faith Holley-Beal), Darlene Johnson, School District of Waukesha (Luke Pinion), Elevate, Inc. (Mary Adele Revoy (Chair)), Parent's Place, Inc. (Ann-Marie St John), Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (Mary Sweeney), The Women's Center (Jessica Trauth (Vice Chair)), Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin (Dua Vang-Ramirez), Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families (Lindsey Wilson)

Absent CAFSAC Members: Children's Hospital of WI Community Services (Kristin Agenten), LifePoint Church (Rob Jadrnicek), Community Smiles Dental (Renee Ramirez), Catholic Charities (Sarah Matson), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahon), Addiction Resource Council (Sam Schuette)

HHS Board Liaison: Mary Berg, Bob Menefee

HHS Staff Liaisons: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Jessica Hannaman, Julie Valadez

1. Call to Order

Chair Revoy called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

Vang-Ramirez arrived at 8:32 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Pinion, to approve CAFSAC minutes of April 21, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Continue Discussion of Agenda Items for 2022

- June – Strategic Planning discussion presented by Pupp and Nevicosi
- July – Voting for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Membership Reappointments
- August – No meeting
- September – First meeting of new membership year

4. HEAR Wisconsin presentation – Jill Van Calster, HEAR Wisconsin

Jill Van Calster displayed and reviewed a PowerPoint titled "HEAR Wisconsin: Quality Products and Services for Living Better with Hearing Loss".

For more information, go to www.HEARWI.org or contact Jill at 414-604-7201 or jvancalster@hearwi.org.

Revoy left at 9:28 a.m.

5. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

Berg provided an update from the April Board meeting which focused on the Needs Assessment presentations from the Advisory Committees. The presentations from each committee focused on:

- Public Health – Better engagement and collaboration with community partners
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Housing, family and informed caregiver service support, transportation, and social isolation needs
- CAFSAC – Triple P Program, Healthy Families, and Celebrating Families
- Mental Health – Accessible housing for the homeless and certified peer support

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Pupp announced that HHS has become part of a youth homeless demonstration project in partnership with Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington counties.

The Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and Coordinated Services Team (CST) programs continue to expand with a Quality Assurance staff member recently hired to help expand the vendor network.

Nevicosi reported that the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) program is amid a redesign. The redesign is being implemented to enhance staff capacity due to major changes that were brought about from the State waiver manual revisions in January 2022. The program has dedicated additional resources, including partnering with a second contract agency, to help staff work on eliminating the waitlist. Case aides have also been brought on to help the social workers with their administrative functions. The goal is to eliminate the waitlist by the Fall. The CLTS program also added 32 service categories to expand the service array in terms of services that the waiver program can pay for.

c. Schools

Pinion announced that Marc Lehnerer will be his replacement as Director of Student Services for the School District of Waukesha beginning July 1. SDW will be running a 2-day professional development mental health institute for school social workers, counselors, and psychologists. A mental health navigator was recently hired to support eAchieve and Latinx students. The purpose of the Mental Health navigator is to help families navigate resources in the community and to partner with school-based counselors. SDW is also hiring an additional mental health navigator specifically for Hawthorne and Hadfield Elementary Schools through a United Way grant called Partnership Schools.

SDW is working on brainstorming how to utilize funds received through the Get Kids Ahead Initiative. The funds are to help build mental health systems in the schools and are available for use until the end of 2024.

d. Special Services Advisory Committee (SSAC)

There were no SSAC updates.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

Elevate qualified to become a Zero Suicide Agency and training begins today, May 19.

The Women’s Center (TWC) has a small amount of baby formula to share. If you are in need, contact Jessi Trauth at 262-522-3830 or jessit@twcwaukesha.org. TWC has a transitional living opening for a small family (one-bedroom and two-bedroom), call hotline at 262-542-3828 to inquire.

Variety, in partnership with UW-Whitewater, has a summer camp called Chatter Matters that will be hosting 30 families at the end of June. The application period for the 2023 camp will be opening in the Fall. Variety also offers a program that provides free events for families. To participate, the family needs to first enroll with Variety. Go to www.VarietyWi.org for more information.

Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families is expanding and hiring for additional positions, including bilingual.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- June - Strategic Planning discussion facilitated by Pupp and Nevicosi

8. Public Comment

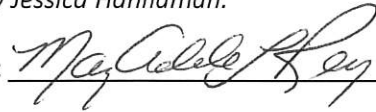
Julie Valadez stated that she is advocating for trainings and policy revisions regarding navigating peer programs within the State.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

6/10/2022