

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
July 21, 2022

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

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

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

HHS Staff Liaisons: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Jessica Hannaman, Amanda Huber

1. Call to Order

Chair Revoy called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

Cherone arrived at 8:33 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Trauth, to approve CAFSAC minutes of June 16, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Summary of June 2022 Meeting Discussion on Critical Needs

- Add an agenda item to discuss the critical needs of the community at every meeting to brainstorm ideas to create a better presentation from CAFSAC to the Board
- Feedback was received from the Board as far as what is being requested for the structure of presentations
- Share the responsibility of putting the presentation together with the entire committee

b. Critical Needs Discussion at Every Meeting

i. "CAFSAC Critical Needs Notes" Worksheet and PowerPoint

Revoy displayed and discussed the worksheet titled "CAFSAC Critical Needs Notes".

c. CAFSAC Subcommittee Formation

i. Critical Needs Subcommittee

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Revoy, to approve the formation of a Critical Needs Subcommittee for the Children and Family Services Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Pupp announced that the HHS, Human Resources (HR), and Finance committees all voted and approved the expansion of the CCS program. The Board will be holding the vote for final approval on July 28. If approved, the expansion would allow for serving an additional 75 youth.

Nevicosi reported that the Child Welfare Infrastructure Package was presented to the HHS, HR, and Finance committees for approval. The package is intended to enhance the system and includes:

- Enhancing current cognitive treatment foster homes to keep youth with complex needs housed locally
- Bringing in an evidence-based quality assurance approach for the child welfare system
- Community awards, which would provide funds to providers in the community to enhance child welfare services, specifically as it relates to evidence-based practices

5. Agency Updates/Announcements

Elevate was awarded funds to open a third crisis stabilization home. Elevate currently has homes in West Bend and Sheboygan and the third home will be in Beaver Dam.

Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families is hiring for two bilingual positions in their Jefferson and Milwaukee locations.

The Women's Center (TWC) currently has one opening in transitional living. TWC is still hiring due to current staff moving into new positions within the agency. The Wednesday Workshop and Parenting Group continue to be full but there have been cancellations so individuals should still apply if interested. For more information, go to: <https://twcwaukesha.org/>.

Family Service currently has positions open for youth therapists who are fully licensed but would possibly consider hiring a qualified treatment trainee with appropriate experience with youth.

6. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- No meeting in August

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Revoy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved: MaGeele Revoy Date: 9/15/2022