

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
October 20, 2022

Present CAFSAC Members: Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families (Karen Villarreal), Family Service (Laura Cherone), Michelle Huebschen, Parent's Place, Inc. (Ann-Marie St John), Prohealth Care, Inc. (Colleen Allen), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahan), School District of Waukesha (Marc Lehnerer), The Women's Center (Jessica Trauth (Vice Chair))

Absent CAFSAC Members: Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Catholic Charities (Sarah Matson), Darlene Johnson, Elevate, Inc. (Mary Adele Revoy (Chair)), LifePoint Church (Rob Jadrnicek), Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin (Dua Vang-Ramirez), Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (Mary Sweeney)

HHS Board Liaison:

HHS Staff Liaisons: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Jamie Bauer, Jessica Hannaman, Frances Thomas

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Trauth called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cherone moved, second by Huebschen, to approve CAFSAC minutes of September 15, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

McMahon arrived at 8:40 a.m.

3. Committee Business

a. Critical Needs Brainstorm and Follow-Up Worksheet

Attendees continued to brainstorm ideas for topics that could be included in the Critical Needs presentation. Some of the topics and thoughts included:

- Workforce challenges and shortages with mental health providers
- Youth refuse to enroll in the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) or outpatient mental health programs and end up in Youth Justice due to the stigma and not wanting to admit they have a mental health issue
- Waitlists for outpatient services are long
- Care Solace - helps students and families find appointments without having to deal with the long waitlists. Providers are local as well as across the country utilizing telehealth.
- Medicaid causes barriers to finding services due to their licensing requirements for accepted providers
- Lack of diverse providers (gender and culture) and providers who are comfortable with complex traumas
- Seniors on Medicare run into issues finding providers that are licensed under Medicare rules
- Prevention and early intervention for substance use or misuse
- Provider training for youth mental health services
- Costs and reimbursement issues for providers from insurance or Medicaid

- Parents are having to advocate for their children to get mental health or substance abuse services. Not all families will know how to or will be able to advocate for them. (Some parents may have mental health or substance abuse issues themselves.)
- Income guidelines prevent families from receiving services, such as Boys and Girls Club
- Mentoring programs for the youth, not just for if there is a specific problem
- THC abuse and vaping
- The pandemic has created lasting effects for some students, including:
 - Some may be behind because of not having parents that could stay home with them to help with their schooling
 - Lack of socialization
 - Questions about what is expected of them in school

b. Critical Needs Update

There were no additional Critical Needs updates.

c. Membership Update

Michelle Huebschen was voted in as a consumer representative member at the September meeting.

d. Speakers Update

- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Presentation (Pupp to reach out to United Way for a presenter)
- Addiction Resource Council presentation from Brost in November

e. Coordinated Services Team (CST) Update

There were no CST updates.

4. Community Health Assessment Presentation – Waukesha County Health and Human Services Staff

Frances Thomas displayed and presented a PowerPoint and brochure titled “Community Health Improvement Plan & Process (CHIPP) Feedback Request”.

McMahon left at 9:26 a.m.

5. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

Members of the HHS staff will be presenting the 2023 HHS Budget to the joint meeting of the County Board Finance and HHS Committees today.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Nevisosi introduced Jamie Bauer as the new Program and Project Analyst who will be tasked with helping on the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) projects which includes building the child welfare infrastructure. The three primary tasks that Jamie will be working on are:

- Community agency awards – Creating ways for providers to apply for grant funding
- Foster Care Program expansion – Finding ways to provide more options for housing for youth with more complex needs or seen as more difficult to place
- Systems change review – Implement a new system review of how to find where there might be issues in the systems and how things are done

c. Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee

There were no Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee updates.

d. Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)

There were no MHAC updates.

e. Public Health Advisory Committee

There were no Public Health Advisory Committee updates.

f. Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC)

There were no SUAC updates.

g. Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)

CCOP held an information session in September to recruit for new membership. There were more applications received than available positions. Per the CCOP bylaws, the HHS Director, Liz Aldred, has approved members. Official invitations were sent out last week inviting them to join the committee. A meeting with the new members will be held prior to the end of 2022.

h. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

ARPA money has been used to hire two supervisors. One supervisor will supervise the current team and the other will supervise the new team. Recruitment has begun for the new team.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

Family Service is hosting a Trunk or Treat event at the Waukesha Expo Center on October 22. For more information, go to: <https://www.fswaukesha.org/trunkortreat>.

Easterseals will be hosting a Gala Fundraiser on November 17. For more information, go to: <https://www.easterseals.com/wi-se/get-involved/events/>.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- November – Addiction Resource Council presentation from Brost

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Lehnerer moved, second by Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved:  Date: 11/17/22