

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Human Services Center Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) June 18, 2020

Present CAFSAC Committee: Kristin Agenten, Colleen Allen, Laura Cherone, Pam Groh, Rob Jadrnicek, Darlene Johnson, Lindsay Just, Sarah Matson, Raquel Mehring, Luke Pinion, Mary Adele Revoy, Diane Ripple, Dua Vang-Ramirez, Karen Villarreal, Mary Wittwer

Absent CAFSAC Committee: Sara Barron, Maura McMahon, Renee Ramirez

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp

Guests: Mireya Casarrubias, Amanda Huber, Holly Norkofski (proxy for McMahon), Sarah PfiEFFle

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among committee members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Mehring, to approve the CAFSAC minutes of February 20, 2020. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Cherone joined at 8:38 a.m.

3. Committee Business

WCHHS Board Community Needs Presentation Discussion

Revoy and Just explained to the committee what information was provided to the board in regards of the presentation, same information of the Family First Act like last year, and also the impact of the loss of resources for the community that has occurred during the COVID-19.

Matson joined at 8:45 a.m.

Revoy had sent out a questionnaire to agencies in regards to how the COVID-19, all of which was anonymous, six agencies responded, this information reflected that the agencies still have growing needs and some are suffering due to the COVID-19 situation. Revoy proceeded to tell the committee members that more data is needed to provide to the board in regards of the service needs by non-profits that have suffered. And will leave the questionnaire out again for any agency to complete, and reminds everyone that the questionnaire is anonymous.

Johnson left at 9:11 a.m.

Businesses that were impacted, please see the PowerPoint.

4. Open Discussion

How COVID-19 is affecting agencies

Mehring reported that Parent's Place was able to convert many of their services virtually, such as the visitations between child and parent. The parent education classes are offered as one on one classes. Just recently the agency has been able to offer in person visitations between parent and child where the visits can occur outside such as the park or the backyard. Their office is still currently closed to the public at this time.

Ripple advised the committee that the Women's Center was still able to do business and were able to work remotely. The agency was able to make several YouTube videos that were made by the advocates that work with the families and children of different topics, such as how to make a self-soothing tool. The Women's Center also had podcasts, these were to take place of the support groups. Villarreal reported that Easter Seals Safe Babies, Healthy Families program were able to switch over virtually quickly and the families were able to adapt quickly, but did have a more difficult time in keeping the younger children engaged over the screens. The agency has started to do some in person services, however some families are requesting to still receive virtual services.

Menefee left at 9:30 a.m.

Vang-Ramirez, from Variety, informed the committee members that every year, the agency works with another agency in Whitewater to provide a summer camp experience for the children in their program, due to the epidemic, this year the summer camp program was canceled. All in person events have also been canceled. Variety had sent out a questionnaire if the families would like to have their picnic that the agency does every year, they had positive feedback in which the results showed that most families would like for the picnic to occur as long as there are safety measures such as having hand sanitizer for people to use.

Pfieffe, from NAMI, reported that the agency was able to work remotely immediately, however they did keep 2 employees working inside the building, as these two employees work with their most vulnerable clientele. There has not been any reports of any COVID-19 cases at the shelters. Lexi Sandoval, an outreach specialist at their agency, has a youth text line 262-993-6903, this text line is for the ages of 13 - 25. Sandoval also has been doing Facebook live videos at 11:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. There are two, in person events that NAMI will be hosting. A CIT training next week June 25 and June 26, for Community Intervention Partners, occurring at the Marriott motel. Any person that is interested, should RSVP by tomorrow with Pfieffe. The other event is called "Find your Strength" that will occur on June 30, this is occurring at the Ingleside Ballroom.

5. Reports

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

Menefee informed the committee members that the HHS board will be meeting next week and is preparing to work on the budget.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

No report.

c. Special Services Advisory Committee (SSAC)

No report.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

Cherone from Family Services informed the committee, that the agency she represents is looking for a facilitator for their domestic violence perpetrator groups, the facilitator would be getting 3-5 hours a week.

Johnson and Villarreal left at 9:59 a.m.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

-What services are being open through Waukesha county government to the community.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Pinion moved, second by Jadrnicek, to adjourn the CAFSAC meeting at 10:06 a.m. Motion passed without a negative vote.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. as a virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams. of the Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by Mireya Casarrubias.

Minutes Were Approved on 7/16/2020.