

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
June 20, 2024

Present CAFSAC Members: Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families (Lindsey Wilson), Elevate, Inc. (Jessica Warden), Michelle Huebschen, Parent's Place, Inc. (Ann-Marie St John), Prohealth Care, Inc. (Colleen Allen), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahon (Chair)), School District of Waukesha (Marc Lehnerer), The Women's Center (Jessica Trauth (Vice Chair)), Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (Sherry Agnitti)

Absent CAFSAC Members: Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Catholic Charities (Sarah Matson), Family Service (Laura Cherone), Darlene Johnson, Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin (Dua Vang-Ramirez)

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

HHS Staff Liaison: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Eve Altizer, Chloe Bingenheimer, Jessica Hannaman, Amanda Huber, Katrina Schwingle

1. Call to Order

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

Huebschen arrived at 8:34 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Lehnerer moved, second by Huebschen, to approve CAFSAC minutes of May 16, 2024. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Preview of Opioid/Fentanyl Public Service Announcement Videos

Attendees viewed the Opioid/Fentanyl Public Service Announcement videos. To view these videos, go to: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/clinical-services/OverdosePrevention/VideoSeries/>.

Allen arrived at 8:39 a.m. Huebschen left at 8:58 a.m. and returned at 9:01 a.m.

Additional information on some of the overdose prevention strategies offered by Waukesha County can be found at: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/overdoseprevention/>.

4. Committee Business

a. Meeting Attendance Discussion

Attendees discussed attendance and additional agencies that could be considered for new members of the committee. Some of the agency recommendations included:

- Head Start program and Wisconsin Works (W-2) – Allen to reach out for a representative
- Family Promise and Safe Families for Children – Trauth to reach out for a representative
- La Casa de Esperanza – Bingenheimer to reach out for a representative

b. Future Agenda Planning

July meeting will include voting on Chair, Vice Chair, and membership reappointments.

c. Speakers Update

Attendees discussed suggestions for future speakers and educational presentations.

Some of the topics included:

- July – Addiction Resource Council Delta 8 presentation
- September – Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grant award overview (Huber)
- October - Hope Center
- November - Early intervention and prevention updates (Nevicosi)
- January/February 2025 – Transition to Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) for youth aging out of juvenile services
- Community Action Coalition Southeast Wisconsin
- Habitat for Humanity
- Heroin Taskforce
- Waukesha Public Library/Bridges Library System

5. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There were no HHS Board Liaison updates.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Pupp and Nevicosi are sitting in on budget planning for all Child Welfare programs due to the realignment.

As of June 1, agreements have been reached with court partners regarding bifurcating the court process for out of county delinquency cases. Per the agreement, a Transfer of Venue must occur post adjudication but prior to disposition to allow for the county of residence to set the dispositional conditions.

Effective July 1, 2025, Norris will be the new shelter care provider. Lad Lake holds the contract until the end of June 2025. Norris will be renovating a building on their facility to provide male and female floors. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

c. Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee

There were no Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee updates.

d. Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)

The June MHAC meeting focused on a presentation from Bridges Library.

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 is looking at ways to spend the discretionary funds that are available to make sure that families are accessing the resources and getting the supplies they need for their children.

h. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

CCS and CST staff members continue to engage more parents and youth in both coordinating committees. A coordinating committee flyer was created and will be reviewed at the next CST meeting on June 26.

CCS/CST was awarded grant money from the State of Wisconsin to create a "highlights" video but did not receive as much as was requested. Stay tuned for more details.

A discharge survey is in the works for families to complete regarding their services received and how they felt about meeting their goals.

i. Coordinated Services Team (CST) Update

Altizer and Pupp met with a consultant from White Pines to share examples of what the Waukesha County CST committee does and find out what other counties are doing. More information will be shared as it is received.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

The CHIP Initiative, through Public Health, is in year three of its 5-year cycle. ARPA funds were recently awarded to agencies within the three identified strategies of the CHIP Initiative:

- Substance use – Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.
- Mental health – NAMI
- Aging population – several smaller agencies were awarded

NAMI was awarded the Friendships contract which will begin on July 1.

The C.A.R.E. Center will begin operating under The Women’s Center on July 1. There will be no change in services or phone numbers, but email addresses will be different.

The Women’s Center has a new rapid rehousing program that will officially begin housing individuals in October. Individuals must be enrolled in coordinated entry to qualify.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Voting on Chair, Vice Chair, and membership reappointments
- Addiction Resource Council presentation on Delta 8

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Trauth moved, second by Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman

Minutes Were Approved: _____

Date: _____

