

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
March 16, 2023

Present CAFSAC Members: Catholic Charities (Sarah Matson), Elevate, Inc. (Mary Adele Revoy (Chair)), 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), 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: Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Darlene Johnson, Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahan)

HHS Board Liaison:

HHS Staff Liaison: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Jamie Bauer, Chloe Bingenheimer, Teresa Cocker, Nancy Doucette Wilkinson, Jessica Hannaman, Mark Mertens

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.

Cherone and Matson arrived at 8:32 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Trauth moved, second by Matson, to approve CAFSAC minutes of February 16, 2023. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Critical Needs Update

Revoy displayed and presented a PowerPoint titled "Children and Families Services Advisory Committee DHHS Board Presentation".

Attendees reviewed and discussed the draft Critical Needs PowerPoint for the presentation being held on April 27. Some of the changes and updates included:

- Workforce Challenges slide
 - Acknowledge that it can cause a ripple effect from lack of providers in one area and can affect other areas within the community
 - Access to being licensed professionals is a barrier
 - Lack of staff capacity to help support student interns
- Mental Health Issues slide
 - Update the last line on the slide so that the numbers are reflected correctly
 - Mention that the waitlists for county services can be tied to the workforce challenges from the previous slide
 - Add "CHIPP priority" note (same as the note that is on the Substance Abuse Issues slide)
- Substance Abuse Issues slide
 - Update the "children" wording or add specific ages to be more clear
 - Add additional information on how these issues directly affect families

- Foster Care Shortages slide
 - Change the wording to “Out-of-Home Care Shortages”
 - Affordable Housing/Homelessness slide
 - Add statistics from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), if available
 - Investigate and clarify the definition of “youth homelessness” and determine what the specific need is
 - During the presentation, point out that truancy could be a consequence of the items discussed in the slides rather than including a specific note within the PowerPoint.
- b. Membership Update**
There were no Membership updates.
- c. Speakers Update**
- April – Critical Needs Presentation
 - May – Hebron Housing Services presentation
 - June – Housing Action Coalition (Trauth to reach out for a presenter)
 - July – American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Award Updates
 - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Presentation (Pupp to reach out to United Way for a presenter)
- d. Coordinated Services Team (CST) Update**
Pupp provided an update from the February CST meeting. Some of the topics included:
- Recruiting for additional members, specifically parent representatives
 - Reviewed the goals of the committee with the focus being on hosting more educational seminars for professional staff and parents
- 4. Truancy Taskforce Presentation – Marc Lehnerer, Director of Student Services, School District of Waukesha**
Pupp and Lehnerer displayed and presented a PowerPoint titled “Truancy Task Force”.
- 5. Committee and Organization Updates**
- a. HHS Board Liaison**
There were no HHS Board Liaison updates.
- b. HHS Staff Liaison**
Nevicosi announced that the waitlist for the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) waiver program has officially been eliminated.
- Bauer reported that there were 34 participants in the ARPA information session. The optional intent to apply emails are due March 20. Applications for ARPA grant funds are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday March 31, 2023. There is a question-and-answer document that is posted to the Waukesha County website and is updated every Tuesday and Friday. For additional questions, contact Jamie Bauer, jbauer@waukeshacounty.gov, or go to: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/child-and-family-services/>.
- 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)

Nevisosi gave an update from the March CCOP meeting. Some of the topics included:

- Discussion on the foundational knowledge of the committee
- Voted on the delivery method of the annual survey and how to allocate the CCOP funds received annually from the State

h. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

The second unit for CCS is now fully staffed. In 2022, the CCS program served 72 youth and the goal for 2023 is to serve 150 youth. There are currently 84 open cases and approximately 60 youth on the waitlist.

Vang-Ramirez left at 9:32 a.m. Matson left at 9:49 a.m.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

There were no agency updates or announcements.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Review of the final Critical Needs presentation

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved:



Date:

