

Waukesha County Health and Human Services Department
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) Notes
November 15, 2018 *AMENDED*

Present CAFSAC Committee: Sara Barron, Laura Cherone, Kathy Duffek, Pam Groh, Rob Jadrnicek, Lindsay Just, Maura McMahon, Luke Pinion, Diane Ripple, Karen Villarreal, Mary Wittwer

Absent CAFSAC Committee: Kristin Agenten, Darlene Johnson, Sarah Matson, Mary Adele Revoy, Dianna Susitti

HHS Staff Liaisons: Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp

Guest: Danielle Birdeau, John Schiraj, Linda Wetzel

1. Call to Order

Chair Just called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

Changes were done to the October minutes

- Add Villarreal under absent, for the month of October.
- Birdeau clarified the wording of her statement when staff is called onto the field by the officer, the clinical staff are unable to make a clinical decision without doing an assessment.

Villarreal moved, second by Jadrnicek to approve the CAFSAC minutes of October 18, 2018 with the changes added today. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Committee Business – New agency updates

Schiraj, Variety with Children's Charity, is a national organization for 85 years. The agency primarily has worked with children with behavioral mental health, physical disabilities, at risk youth up to the age of 18, and prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. The agency also has a program called Bikes, the program makes bicycles that are designed to fit the needs of a disabled child.

Cherone moved, second by Jadrnicek to have Schiraj become a member of CAFSAC. Motion passed unanimously.

Barron, Broadscope Disability Services has provided respite care for families that have children that are 18 and under located in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha County. There is a shortage of caregivers, as currently Waukesha County has taken 100 kids off the waiting list, and were transitioned to long term care that is federally funded or referred to the agency for that type of funding. Through the agency, caregivers are provided training, compensated an hourly wage, and work in-home respite for 10 hours a month. There are 20 to 30 children that are added monthly into their agency. The agency has a Spanish speaker on staff. The agency has and still provides the Respite and Recreation drop off that occurs 5 - 6 times a year.

Just, Addiction Resource Council, ARC, has several programs at the agency. Resist the influence, is offered in 12 schools and works with youth in grades 7 to 9. The program has helped kids to look at their choices and values. The program has 5 different topics, including one for the parents of the youth. ARC is collaborating with Ascension to have the program offered in all public and private schools.

ARC is working with Your Choice, a prevention agency, and the Lake Country Rotary to provide education to parents about e-cigarettes and the negative effects that it has.

Future plans for ARC, collaborating with other agencies, name of agencies were not said, to have an initiative in looking at Summerfest; the goal is to decrease the underage drinking and substance use that occurs at the event. ARC has been working with a coalition up north called KnowMeth, to find out what has been working for them in regards to battling the issue of Meth in their county, as the drug use of meth is also a problem within Waukesha County.

Just informed the committee about a program that has been helpful, called WISHOPE, <https://www.wishope.org/> in regards of every AODA service provider in Wisconsin. The website has provided resources, education, and support to the ARC staff, and there is also a helpline, and recovery coaches available. Just noted WISHOPE is not a program through ARC.

Groh, Muskego Norway School District. Groh updated the committee that the department of public instruction has aided the school districts to move forward in educating the students in grades 6 through 12. Classes provided are money and finance, careers and communities, exploration and self-awareness, career match maker, learning style inventory, and career style inventory. The purpose of the classes is to prepare the students for their transition into high school.

Pinion, Waukesha School District. Pinion informed the committee there are 14 elementary schools in the district of Waukesha using the second step program. The program contains a foundational curriculum for social and emotional learning, AODA, and efforts in mental health. Also, as part of the school mental health grant, the school district was awarded supplementing that with other topics such as zones of regulation and zones of mindfulness. The plan for 2019 is to add the second step program in the middle school levels.

Peers 4 Peers is another program that has started in all 3 Waukesha high schools. The program is designed to train students to be peer advisors to combat AODA. Too Good for Drugs (TGFD) is another program that has started in two Waukesha middle schools that is another program to educate students about the risk and protective factors related to AODA. The school districts goal is to keep a level of consistency in schools. Waukesha school district has received a school mental health grant, the district has partnered with Family Services and getting a licensed psychotherapist in the schools. Currently there are therapists in 11 schools.

Cherone, from Family Services, commented that she presented last month and gave all the information last month. Cherone referred the committee members to view the power point that she had presented.

Villarreal, from Easter Seals the Safe Babies, Healthy Families program indicated there are no new updates. Easter Seals serves Waukesha, Milwaukee, and Walworth County. Currently there has been federal changes which has stopped in having the shelter workshops end at the end of the year. The agency is trying to be more out in the community, to aid individuals with special needs find employment in the community, rather than shelter work.

Duffek, Parent's Place, reported the agency will have new programs in December. The agency is in their third year with the Triple P Parenting program. 2 primary levels of one on one. A level 3 being a 4 week course and a level 4 being 8 - 10 week course. The Triple P Parenting program is funded by the prevention board, with a new addition of grandparents in the program. The program is also currently used in the jails with the mothers. Parent's Place recently received a grant that will go in effect in 2019, this will allow the agency to work with the fathers who are incarcerated. The supervised visitation program has now also integrated the Triple P program in the home, for the families.

Ripple, The Women's Center, informed the committee the mission statement has changed for the agency. It is now, "to provide safety, shelter, and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, human trafficking, and child abuse." Last year, the Women's Center provided 9,300 nights of safety to 300 adults and children. The agency is responsible for 70% of the beds for women in Waukesha County and have been operating at full capacity for the last 2.5 years. The agency has received secured funding to have an AODA consultant on staff for 15 hours a week. Ripple also disperses a flyer that has information about a workshop that is done through the Women's center.

Anti-trafficking task force plans to start the workgroups to carry out the initiatives that were brought up in the summit that occurred of June 2018. The four focus areas are prevention, education, treatment support, and law enforcement and the court system.

Wetzel, Birth to 3 program and trauma informed at risk care. The Birth to 3 program has served 312 people. The program has received a federal grant to allow the expansion of their services, as part of the grant is to work with other agencies. Wetzel is also part of the Heroin Task Force, as co-chair to the drug affected infants work group. There is a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DAIVaukesha/>, Wetzel encouraged committee members to go to the website, as it has information about substance abuse during pregnancy and the resources that are available.

Wittwer, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS). The agency has provided programs for adults and youths. The programs focus on an alternative to incarceration and keeping parents in the community as well as the youth. The newest program WCS has, is called the Yes program. The program is a support program that is through United Way, 2 middle schools, and 1 elementary school. The focus is to work with youth in a preventative manner, kids that start to show signs of truancy; and trying to address barriers such as transportation. The Yes program has an incentive plan for the children and parents with gift cards as well as other incentives to get them into a good pattern for attending school and addressing those barriers. WCS, also has several DHS contracted programs and a mediation program that has included a youth accountability panel.

Jadrnicek, Lifepoint Church. The church serves a faith based community, focus on application, and transformation. The core belief is that the greatest potential for an individual is Jesus Christ. The church focuses on three main areas connect, grow, and serve. Connect provides inclusion and assimilation through events and helping people move pass their addictions. Grow, focuses in providing education and an outlook to learn; and service, providing service to others.

4. Reports

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

*Mullooly reported there are four new HHS Board members.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

2019 budget was passed yesterday, Mullooly also reported that Robert Menefee has been appointed as the new HHS Board Liaison.

Pupp informed the committee that Roberts will present the CAFSAC bylaws at the County Board meeting today, however a new process may develop where all committees will have similar bylaws. Pupp also shared, Corporation Council disclosed if any committee does not meet quorum a meeting should not be held, including the educational segments. Birdeau also added, the meeting quorum is under the meeting heading under the bylaws, this dictates that a committee must have quorum to have a meeting.

c. Truancy Task force

The committee has 44 members through the 19 districts. Pinion provided an overview of how the committee was split into 5 subcommittees. The deadline has been pushed back, and they have a meeting, November 16, 2018. The goal is to get everything together in January, present and distribute their findings throughout the county.

5. Agency Updates / Announcements

Birdeau spoke about the Community Health Improvement Process and Plan (CHIPP) that is done every 5 years. In the current 5 year cycle there are three main areas that will be focused on. Mental health is one of the objectives, the group has chosen to work on suicide prevention. In doing so a Suicide Prevention Task Force has been created to work on eliminating suicide first in HHS then expand to the community. The suicide prevention task force will have their first quarterly meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Waukesha Memorial Treiber Auditorium, Birdeau emphasized that all are welcome.

Jadrnicek reported The Drug Free Communities (DFC) meeting had about 30-35 people in attendance, it went well. Pinion added that DFC and Heroin Task force may join together.

Cherone explained a program that she observed in Baltimore called "Lawyer at the library" and "Social worker at the library" The times of these events had a pre-determined time once a month; those workers would be present and provide a free service to people. Cherone stated that the community service could possibly be brought into Waukesha.

6. Other

No report.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 271 of the Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Avenue.

Respectfully submitted by Mireya Casarrubias



Approved by Chair Just