

## **FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—July 11, 2011**

Present were: Bonnie Goodnature, CCS consumer; Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Dan Priske, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Gail Olson, Consumer; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Kathy Munsey, DHHS Health Unit; Renee Peters, DHHS Health Unit – Birth-Three Program; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Connie Anderson, Parent; Fern Engel, Community Representative; James A Warriner, CCS Consumer; Nancy Scolley, Parent/consumer; Deborah LaSusa, CCS Consumer, Vanessa Schultz, DD/Long Term Support Coordinator; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Shelby Jensen, Economic Support Unit Manager; Jen Zeleske, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Community Response Worker; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP; Fern Engel, Member; Dean Slark, U.W. Extension; Linda Van Ness, DHHS Director

**Certification of Open Meeting Law:** The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

**Appearances/Introductions:** Introductions of members were made.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended to include “Appointment of Committee member to Quad County Family Resource Network Committee”. Motion/second (Beregszazi/LaSusa) to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. Motion/second (Anderson/Engel) to approve the April 4, 2011 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:**

#### **Family Support:**

Schultz reported regarding funding for 2011. Schultz reported that plans are being set up for those families who have received funding in the past. Schultz reported that the Family Support program is also accepting referrals to be prepared if there is extra funding. Criteria for the Family Support Program includes having a severe disability and the functional screen must be completed to establish eligibility. Discussion followed.

**Birth-Three:** Peters showed Committee members the display showing what Birth-Three Services are available. Peters reported this was used at Child Development Days to help educate regarding what Birth-Three is and what services are available.

Peters distributed the Birth-Three yearly self-assessment for Committee review. (See attached.) Peters reported that this self-assessment was submitted to the State on June 30, 2011 for review.

Peters distributed the report showing the results of Green Lake's compliance to the Federal Indicators. (See attached.) Discussion followed.

Peters reported that currently 12 children are being served through the Birth-Three Program with some children in the process of eligibility determination. The monthly average of children being served is 15.

### **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:**

Malkowsky reported that on April 13, 2011 1:00 at DHHS there was an informational meeting regarding drop-in centers. Consumer run drop-in centers was discussed. Malkowsky explained what drop-in centers consists of. The major purpose for the drop-in center is to form a meeting place for individuals with mental illness to have some social outing, structure and could even include such things as having a meal, games, activities, educational programs and resource sharing. One of the goals with these drop-in centers is to increase coping skills. Discussion followed.

Malkowsky reported that the ROSI survey – consumer satisfaction survey is being completed at the present time. Malkowsky anticipates having this completed by the end of July. Committee members will be updated.

Malkowsky reported that there are presently 4 consumers in the CCS program. Malkowsky reported that 2 individuals moved to another county and were discharged from the Green Lake County CCS program. There is one individual that is being assessed to determine eligibility.

Dissing reported that the CCS program re-certification will be done in the next couple of months.

**Health:** Munsey shared with Committee members the information regarding the maternal child health program which is moving to a more system-based approach. Munsey distributed a resource guide for Committee review. Munsey reviewed the document with Committee members and made any additions/changes. Discussion followed.

Munsey explained the 4 different priority areas for serving families: Family Support including parenting education programs; Mental Health and social and emotional wellness; Child development supports; and Safety and injury prevention. Discussion followed.

Munsey explained what the 211 telephone number is utilized for and will be added as a resource. Discussion followed.

Peters reported that Markesan District Schools will start a 4-year old Kindergarten program this fall and explained that now all of the Districts in Green Lake County will have 4-year old Kindergarten classes.

### **Resource Sharing: Current Issues:**

ADVOCAP - Beregsazi reported regarding cuts/concerns for the ADVOCAP programs – specifically the Headstart Family development/child education programs. Beregsazi explained constrictions due to the budget decreases. Beregsazi did report that a part-time program for the homeless will become full-time to work with individuals in Green Lake County.

Beregsazi reported regarding the Job Center that was located in Berlin had to find a new location. Beregsazi reported that the Job Center is working out of the ADVOCAP office in Berlin.

Beregsazi explained all the different programs that are operated through ADVOCAP and some of the changes that are being made.

Beregsazi explained some of the programs that are not being provided due to lack of funding.

Beregsazi explained a couple of new grants being applied for to provide educational services to fathers with children.

Health & Human Services - Van Ness reported that for 2012 budget the directive from County Finance is to cut 3% off the total budget which for the Department of Health & Human Services amounts to approximately \$300,000. Van Ness discussed cost concerns and the fact that future Committee meetings will be bag lunches (everyone bring their own).

Van Ness explained that cap which was put on the Family Care program.

Van Ness reported that Medical Assistance transportation reimbursement program through Logisticare.

U.W. Extension: Dean Slark reported that the Family Living Agent position is going to be temporarily filled for a 6 month period until federal guidelines for the future are finalized.

Slark reported that the Green Lake County fair will be held from August 4-7, 2011. Slark reported that there will be 2 booths that will provide information regarding the various programs including the Department of Health & Human Services.

Dissing reported that the Community Response program has expanded and now includes Green Lake, Marquette, Adams and Waushara Counties. The grant awarded is focused towards virtual resource centers and serving families with children 0-5. Dissing reported that he would like individuals from this committee to serve on the new Quad-County Family Resource Network Committee. Committee members will be updated as more is found out regarding the proposed Committee and meeting times/places. Dissing reported that the Quad-County program is contracting with CAP services to do a Nurturing program in each of the four counties. Dissing reported that an additional Community Response Worker is being hired to provide services in Marquette and Adams County and Jen Zeleske, Community Response Worker, will provide services to Green Lake and Waushara Counties. Discussion followed.

Warriner questioned regarding forming a thrift store and that the perfect location would be at the old Department of Health & Human Services building. Discussion followed. Warriner was requested to present a proposal to Van Ness so she could take to the Green Lake County Property and Insurance Committee.

Dissing reported that the Sheriff's Department Recidivism Reduction program received funding for another year. This program consists of counseling (Mental Health and AODA), helping obtain GED's, and programs helping jail inmates participate in programs such as family training, etc. Discussion followed.

Peters reported that the Zobel Park - Phase 1 of installing the playground equipment has taken place. Peters reported that all the equipment was purchased through donations. Peters reported that the Zobel Park project is still looking for donations to ensure finishing the project.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled September 12, 2011

**Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion:** CCS update; Health Assessment; budget; community response program

**Adjournment:** Motion/second (Olson/Beregsazi) to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.