

## **FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—May 6 , 2013**

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Joann Guden, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Gail Olson, Consumer; Kathy Munsey, DHHS Health Unit; Renee Peters, DHHS Health Unit – Family Support/Birth-Three Program; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Director; Bridgette Fox, Parent; Beth Johnson, U.W. Extension; Jana Tetzlaff, Clinical Services Unit Manager; Gretchen Malkowsky, CLTS/CCS Coordinator; Marian Sommerfeldt, Community Options, Inc.; Jack Meyers, County Board Chairman; Fern Engel, Community Representative; Jen Zeleske, DHHS Community Response Worker; Bonnie Goodnature, CCS Consumer; Shelby Jensen, DHHS Economic Support Unit Manager; Philip Robinson, DHHS Deputy Director; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP; Ashley Laudenslager, Parent; Harmony Laudenslager, Consumer (and Hazel)

**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:** Motion/Second (Munsey/Beregszazi) to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval/Action on Minutes:** Motion/second (Beregszazi/Guden) to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

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

**Family Support:** Peters reported regarding the Family Support Program to Committee members. Peters reported that she has written eight Family Support Plans to date. Peters reported that she is continuing to receive new referrals.. Peters reported that current plans are written for over half of the yearly funding from the State. Peters reported that the Family Support Program has received a request for partial funding for a van lift for a wheelchair bound child. This program could support the family with \$3,000.00 towards this purchase.

Peters introduced Ashley Laudenslager, parent of Harmony who is in the Family Support Program. They also have a service dog, Hazel, who is currently in training. Laudenslager explained how the service dog is being utilized with an autistic child for emotional reasons. Laudenslager explained the Harmony's schooling history. Discussion followed.

**Birth-Three:** Peters reviewed the Birth to 3 Program to Committee members. Peters reported that she has had 15 referrals to date. Peters reported that the Birth to Three program recently had a self-assessment audit of the program through the State.

Peters reported regarding the Child Development Days which have been held in all school districts. It is reported that numbers have decreased at all 4 locations from previous years.

Peters reported that she will be meeting with the 4 district representatives to find ways of getting the word out there for the younger children to increase numbers for attendance and to let families know of available services.

**Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:** Malkowsky reported that there are have been 19 referrals to the program. Malkowsky reported that there is a total of five individuals currently in the CCS program.

Malkowsky distributed/explained the updated forms for Committee review. (See attached.) The Comprehensive Community Services Assessment; CCS Recovery Plan and CCS Consumer Satisfaction Survey were reviewed. Motion/Second (Munsey/Olson) to approve the revised forms - Comprehensive Community Services Assessment; CCS Recovery Plan and CCS Consumer Satisfaction Survey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Health Unit: Maternal Child Health Update:** Munsey reported that Health Unit staff met with State Maternal Child health staff in April. The State is encouraging the use of all evidence-based practices.

Munsey reported that staff organized and attended the Healthy Babies Initiative workshop, Wisconsin Coalition for Well Babies, along with Marquette and Waushara counties. The workshop was held on April 19, 2013. Munsey reported there were over 90 in attendance. The Life Course Model is being utilized with the idea that whatever happens early on in life may affect their life for the rest of their lives. Speakers included Susan La Flash from the state Maternal Child Health Program, a counselor on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and a foster parent who all gave insight into raising children.

Munsey distributed the 202 Green Lake County Community Health Assessment pamphlet to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed.

Munsey reported that the Wellness group will have their initial meeting on June 17 at 3:00 p.m. The group will divide up into sub-groups to discuss/problem-solve: 1) Alcohol & Drug Use/Mental Health; 2) Nutrition and Healthy Foods and 3) Physical Activity. Healthy Growth and Development was also identified, but the coalition decided to incorporate this into each of the 3 action committees since it affects all sectors.

Munsey reported that the Summer Intern students will be used to survey medical providers questioning if they are addressing mental health/alcohol issues with the consumer when they come to appointments. We would also like to provide a resource guide for providers so they can make appropriate referrals if there are mental health or AODA issues.

The group also wants to work on the availability of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. It is a form which allows to look at child's development and see where they are at. This would be utilized to help find any areas concern for child which may be overlooked.

**Other:**

Sleezer reported regarding Office of Justice Assistance grant applied for which Green Lake County was awarded. Through this grant funding, a Job Coach/Mentor will work with the delinquency population which are higher risk focusing on employment and job seeking. Also will coordinate community service/restitution.

Sleezer gave an overview of COMPAS system. Staff will get training to use this risk assessment tool. This system identifies if the youth are high risk.

Sleezer reported that Green Lake County got approval for third year funding for the Community Response program through Children's Trust Fund. This initiative is a 4 county consortium (Adams, Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara). Discussion followed.

Robinson reported regarding potential funding for CCS collaboration through Consortiums. Robinson reported that mental health/substance abuse services would provide funding. The State would pay match for services in the CCS program. To receive this funding, the counties would need to be a consortium providing a regional program and be regionally certified. Green Lake County is part of a 6 county consortium region (Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara, and Waupaca) which would provide these services. Robinson reported that wraparound services would be expanded to better help CCS consumers. Discussion followed.

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

**ADVOCAP:** Beregszazi reported that the Fatherhood project is going very well with an application being made for 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding.

Beregszazi reported that there is a pot of money to be utilized for work experience for eligible individuals.

The Work n' Wheels continues. This program utilizes funding to help individuals keep employment if they are having transportation problems. It consists of a no interest loan - typically in the \$5000-7,000 range. Discussion followed.

Beregszazi reported that Headstart ending the school year week earlier and starting a week later and reducing the number of children being served because of cuts to funding.

Beregszazi is anticipating that the weatherization program funding will remain the same. Home weatherization assistance is available for those that have applied for the energy assistance program.

There is a skills enhancement program that are for those individuals working 20 hours per week at a dead end job. Getting additional training will allow them to get a better job.

Beregszazi reported that ADVOCAP has applied for grants through the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board.

Also applied for grant with USDA to upgrade tech equipment to better utilize social media.

Discussion followed.

**U.W. Extension:** Johnson reported that the Strengthening Families program went well with 5 families graduating. This is the first time this program has been offered in Green Lake County since 2008. There will be a fall program offered which will begin in the first week of October. It is an evening program.

Johnson also reported that in the fall, the U.W. Extension would like to offer a “Raising A Thinking” childhood program for parents with children between 4 and 7 to enhance problem-solving skills. There is a program called “I can Problem Solve”.

Meyers commended everyone for their information provided. Meyers urges Committee members to “Leadership by Example”. Discussion followed regarding meeting the requirements of the Open Meeting Law which will be done for future meetings.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled July 29, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

**Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion:** Interagency Committee report

Motion/second (Munsey/Beregszazi) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.