

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—February 7, 2011

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Richard Trochinski, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Gail Olson, Consumer; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Jeri Loewe, DHHS Health Unit; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Vanessa Schultz, DD/Long Term Care Coordinator; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Connie Anderson, Parent; Nancy Scolley, Parent; Fern Engel, Community Representative; Deborah LaSusa, CCS Consumer; Jennifer Zeleske, DHHS Community Response Worker; Shelby Jensen, DHHS Economic Support Unit Manager; Jessica Krueger, DHHS Children & Family Services Student Intern; Bonnie Goodnature, Consumer; Linda Richards, DHHS Clinical Support Clinical Coordinator; Renee Peters, DHHS Birth-Three Coordinator; Mark Podoll, Green Lake County Sheriff

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 11:33 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

Family Support was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Family Support:

Schultz distributed the 2011 Family Support Program Plan to Committee members. Schultz explained what Family Support is/does. Green Lake County receives approximately \$20,000.00 in funding to cover services to families with special needs children in Green Lake County. Schultz reported that the maximum funding provided is \$2,000 per family per year for family support services and that everyone on the waiting list was served in 2010. Schultz explained that the program is undersevered in the “Waiver” program area. Discussion followed.

Schultz explained the requirements for eligibility for the family support program. The child must have one of the following: severe developmental, physical, or emotional disability that would have a severe impact on the child. Eligibility is determined through the functional screen process.

Motion/second (Anderson/Olson) to approve the “2011 Family Support Program Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Birth-Three: Peters presented the 2010 summary of referrals received which totaled 35.

Peters reported that three districts have scheduled the child development days. Child development days are for 2 ½ - 3 ½ year old children to assess for the need of extra school services in preparation for entrance into Kindergarten. Schools would provide such things as, therapies, pre-school, etc. Schedule for child development days is: Markesan - Feb. 23, 2011; Princeton - March 3, 2011; and Berlin - March 22, 2011. Green Lake has not yet scheduled their day. Peters reported to Committee members where the referrals come from for the Birth-Three Program: 19 – child’s physician; 7 - social workers; 5 – families that were previously in the program; 1 - public health; 1-school district, 1 - WIC clinic, 1 – transfer from a different county.

Peters explained how the children are transition out of the Birth-Three program as they reach age 3. Peters reported that they are referred to other appropriate services. If referred to the school district, they will do an assessment on the child. Peters refers children to the family support program also. Discussion followed.

Coordinated Services Team (CST)/Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:

Dissing explained to Committee members that the Coordinated Services Team (CST) is a consumer-driven program based on consumer needs. An initial assessment is performed for eligibility/appropriateness of services. Discussion followed. Family teaming is developed in conjunction with the family utilizing a lot of informal supports.

Dissing reported that individuals in this program have multiple needs that cross various disciplines. CST/Family teaming also focuses on prevention-based services. For success, the family needs to voluntarily agree to services. This program is not funded by Medical Assistance.

Malkowsky explained to Committee members what the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program consists of and that it is a Medical Assistance funded program. Malkowsky reported that 10 individuals are being served at the present time. Discussion followed. Malkowsky explained that this is a mental health wrap around program in which the individual has a mental health and/or substance abuse diagnosis. The individual needs to meet eligibility as determined by a functional screen. There are currently 6 individuals in the CCS program.

Malkowsky reported that trainings are being held for the children's mentors to meet the CCS requirements to provide services to children in the program and be eligible for Medical Assistance reimbursement.

Malkowsky reported that there were approximately 10 individuals in the program in 2010.

Health: Loewe reported that Maternal Child Health is changing to a more community-based approach, "Life Course Model". Green Lake County will implement the transitional systems-based objective. Additional funding may be made available depending upon how many counties choose this objective. Through the community-based objective system, the goal is to coordinate health services with area resources and decrease duplication.

The Health Unit needs to do a maternal/child needs assessment and train the trainer program on the Life Course model. Then staff will go out in the community and educate/train. Discussion followed. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of having medical staff on the Family Resource Council. The Family Resource Council will be the sub-Committee that will be overseeing/reviewing the needs assessment and making recommendations.

Loewe reported that Health Unit staff will be attending a training on March 1, 2011 - "train the trainer" and then the Health Unit staff will train others on the Life Course model.

With this process, the council will be re-assessed and there might be the possibility of adding members such as a hospital/clinic representative. Discussion followed.

Motion/second (Anderson/Olson) to support the maternal child health system-based "Life Course Model" and act as the sub-Committee that will be overseeing this initiative. All ayes. Motion carried.

Loewe reported that Markesan will be having a "Kickoff to Wellness" with a health fair on February 19, 2011. There will be informational booths and activities/games for everyone. Also, on February 15, 2011, there will be "Move to the Groove" at halftime of the basketball game with individuals all joining in on the floor to a wellness dance. Discussion followed..

Resource Sharing: Current Issues:

ADVOCAP - Anderson reported that ADVOCAP is awaiting to find out funding amounts for 2011. Numbers should be in by March.

Anderson reported regarding the "Working Wheels", a program which helps individuals purchase vehicles with a no interest loan. The goal is to help connect people with a mode of transportation to get to work in rural Green Lake County. ADVOCAP was able to help 25 individuals in 2010 in Fond du Lac/Green Lake Counties. Anderson will bring informational pamphlets at the next meeting. There are requirements which include working part-time and the ability to pay the loan back in approximately 3 years.

Anderson reported that there is also a program called "Funds for Fines" to help people who are losing their license for such things as parking tickets, lack of registration, or no driver's license.

Anderson reported that Headstart has full enrollment.

The Fond du Lac Headstart offers dental services and has extended those services to the Markesan Headstart children. This is funded through Fond du Lac County.

Dissing reported regarding a 4-county Community Response program grant that was recently submitted for funding. The new proposal expands from Green Lake and Marquette to include Waushara and Adams Counties. There would be the development of a Resource Center. If successful in the grant, the 4-county consortium would receive \$150,000 per year. Discussion followed.

Zeleske reported regarding a parenting class "Positive Solutions" that will be starting Friday, February 11, 2011 and run through March 18, 2011. This is being offered on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to noon with child care available. Topics include: building relationships with the child; why a child might be misbehaving; setting up rules, etc. The target group is for children ages 2-12. Zeleske reported that these trainings will be held quarterly at a different location each time throughout the county and rotating subject matter. Discussion followed.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made and new Committee members welcomed.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Action on Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Motion/second (Anderson/Engel) to approve the May 3, 2010 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled April 4, 2011.

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion: Coordinated Services Team Update, CCS update

Adjournment: Motion/second (Anderson/Podoll) to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.