

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—February 4, 2008

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Elden Dallman, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Dawn Pamenter, CCS Consumer; Suzie Seehaver, ADVOCAP/Headstart Rep.; Ruth Rodaks, Parent; Gail Olson, Consumer; Jeri Higgins, Faith Representative; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Vanessa Schultz, DHHS DD/LTS Coordinator; Renee Peters, DHHS Birth-Three Coordinator; Molly Spaulding, Green Lake County U.W. Extension; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Mike Maslowski, CCS Consumer; Mark Podoll, Green Lake County Sheriff; Orrin Helmer, Green Lake County Board Chair; Connie Anderson, Parent; Tony Beregszazi, ADVOCAP, Inc.

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 11:50 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

Approval of Agenda: After discussion, Anderson made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include correspondence. Beregszazi-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes: After discussion, Dallman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/5/07 meeting. Rodaks-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Family Support: 2008 Family Support Plan: Schultz presented the proposed 2008 Family Support Plan for Committee review. Schultz reported that it is anticipated that funds in the amount of \$20,632.00 will be received for Green Lake County. Schultz reviewed and explained any changes/updates to the plan with Committee members. (See attached.). Discussion followed regarding the changes to Family Care later in 2008. After discussion, Beregszazi made a motion to approve the 2008 Family Support Plan. Anderson-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Birth-Three: Peters reported regarding the referral summary for 2007. (See attached.)

The program is in the process of a self-assessment which includes a parent survey, file reviews and other data analysis followed by the completion of a self-assessment report. This report is due to the state on April 10.

We currently have 8 children with active IFSP's with three children in the process of determining eligibility.

Child Development Day has been scheduled for Feb 26th in Princeton and March 18th in Berlin.

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

Sleezer distributed the “Goals/Expected Outcomes” checklist that needs to be submitted each year for CST. Sleezer updated Committee members regarding some progress in this area. Discussion followed. Sleezer reported that one formal team has been completed successfully. There is a formal team at present with the implementation of an additional team in the process.

After discussion, Anderson made a motion Reviewed and accepted the “Goals/Expected outcomes checklist for the Coordinated Services Team report. Rodaks-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sleezer discussed advocacy to families which is a concern for the program due to lack of funding.

Malkowsky reported that for CCS there are 4 active participants with 2 additional individuals in the process of enrolling.

Malkowsky reported that the Peer Specialist training is being considered by the state CCS. Malkowsky reported that there was a CCS Peer Specialist training was held in Madison in which Maslowski and herself were in attendance. Criteria is being developed for such a state-wide program. This might include additional training.

Maslowski reported that he has been received calls to be a member of a CCS Task Force for the peer specialist training. Discussion followed.

Resource Sharing:

Correspondence: Sommerfeldt shared a letter of resignation from Ruth Rodaks. Discussion followed with thanks for her many Committee efforts. After discussion, Anderson made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ruth Rodaks, Parent. Olson-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADVOCAP: Beregszazi reported regarding the transitional housing that is being done in conjunction with Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Center. Nineteen families are being served at present. These transitional housing funds are utilized for those that are victims of domestic abuse. This is a Department of Justice grant.

Beregszazi reported that the biggest struggle in the area of literacy is due to funding issues. A multi-county meeting is being planned in the near futures to best meet the literacy needs of consumers.

Beregszazi reported that a needs assessment was done and one of the main concerns was transportation. Discussion followed.

Anderson reported that at a recent meeting, 19 families that are being served through ADVOCAP/Headstart in Green Lake County have no vehicles. Discussion followed.

OTHER:

Sommerfeldt that there are two staff with Community Options that are training to hold classes for Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Higgins reported regarding programs being held. The second set of sex education classes will be starting. The Helping Hearts program also provides for the needs of those in the community.

Higgins thanked the Sheriff's Department for their help in making the connections for the background checks that are need for teens going into leadership programs. Higgins reported that background checks can not be done on teens without parental permission.

Peters reported regarding the Headstart 3-year old program which is bringing the 3-year olds into the center once a week to have them interact with other children for greater socialization. Discussion followed.

U.W. Extension: Molly Spaulding reported regarding the Strengthening Families program which will begin this evening, February 4, 2008 and continue through March. Thirteen families are registered for this program.

Spaulding reported that the Dads/Kids & Pizza program is continuing and being held at Prairieview/Headstart. Discussion followed.

Spaulding reported that Child Development Days are being held at the various schools in March and April.

The Dementia Care network will be presenting at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

County-wide assessments are being done including transportation, health care costs/needs.

Spaulding reported that there is an advisory group being formed for Extension to respond to community needs. The first meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2008.

Spaulding reported that in the area of literacy, the HCE program includes the Wisconsin Bookworms program which distributes a set of 8 books to 100 children at Head Start, and Berlin and Markesan early childhood classrooms.

Spaulding reported regarding Caregiver survey was recently completed with county employees and caregiving lunch and learn sessions will be presented to county employees in the coming months.

Current Issues:

Peters reported that Bethany Christian Services, an adoption agency, will do a presentation on February 8, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. at the Health & Human Services Center. This informational meeting will inform staff on how to more effectively inform young parents the option of adoption. Discussion followed.

Higgins reported to Committee members that it has been a good resource to have the Family Resource Council as an outlet for discussion regarding various issues/concerns,

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008.

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

Adjournment: Motion made by Anderson to adjourn, seconded by Rodaks. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.