

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 8, 2010

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building
211 N. Commercial St., Neenah
Conference Room #008

PRESENT: Beth Culp, Tracy Gehrke, Ashley Hesse, Elizabeth Jones, Kara Van Vooren, Rob Paterson, Mike Norton, Laurie Grable, Claudia Lennop, and Dorothy De Grace

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Cindy Flauger, Cindy Knaggs, Danica Lewis, Kelly Luaders, Lisa Murphy, Luann Rodriguez, Katie Schierl, Jill Valdez, and Kathy Wagner

Beth Culp called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 a.m.

1. **Approval of agenda:** With no additions to the agenda, it was approved as written.
2. **Approval of minutes for the March 9, 2010 meeting:** With no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were unanimously approved.
3. **Member sharing:**

Beth Culp said Family Care will start up in Winnebago County on July 1. The program will serve adults aged 18 and over who have a physical or developmental disability or who meet the aging target group. Individuals have the option of choosing the IRIS (I Respect, I Self-Direct) program, which is self-directed care. A person can go through the enrollment counseling process at the age of 17 years and 6 months. If a person is not eligible for one of these two programs, he can continue to receive Family Support services. Other information and resources will be provided through the ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center).

Ashley Hesse said the ARC has been busy working with the school districts and their community advisory groups developing some tools to help parents understand the programs available to their children. They recently hosted some parent training along with FACETS. Ashley said they have been doing learning disability assessments at the ARC.

Tracy Gehrke said Public Health Department received a grant this year to provide car seats to families that are low-income eligible.

Beth Culp informed the committee of a new bike program through the Oshkosh Police Department in collaboration with WINR (Wisconsin Interfaith Needs Response). They will repair unclaimed and donated bikes for low-income families. For more information, see their website at www.winronline.org.

4. Family Support Coordinator's Report:

- 2010 Statistics – Beth said we are using some Family Support funds to assist recent high school graduates with vocational and other services until they move into Family Care in July. We have also recently approved other requests, so the statistical report isn't finalized. Beth said we have no waiting list for services. About 2/3 of our budget has been authorized for this year.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Director's Report:

- Stats – Beth Culp said we are slightly under for the number of children served. Beth said we are participating in a "Crossing Borders" grant with Dane County in trying to move in a stronger direction toward an adult coaching and primary provider approach to services. Beth said Birth-to-Three is intended to be an in-home support, but there are a lot of variations throughout the state about how it is implemented, especially through insurance coverage. We are going through training and getting parent input.

6. Outreach Efforts:

Beth Culp said we have been doing some speaking in schools and getting referrals from the school systems for the Family Support program. We are working with the Menasha and Oshkosh school districts on a community intervention team.

7. Funding Guidelines:

Beth Culp said the guidelines for specific funding were developed a number of years ago, and they have been revised most recently about two years ago. The guidelines were developed by staff with consideration of client input; although they have state oversight. Beth asked for the committee to look over the guidelines. It was noted that a parent could ask for an appeal following a negotiation process when there is a strong disagreement about what a child needs. Beth said a family could have a copy of the funding guidelines upon request. Options are always explained to a family.

The committee discussed the possibility of contacting some of the agencies that have a funding application process to see if we could agree on having a universal application. Beth will send out an e-mail to the agencies.

8. Future Agenda Items:

We will discuss outreach efforts; the possibility of a standard funding application form; and Children's Long Term Care reform. It was decided to begin future meetings at 12:00 noon.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Family Support Advisory Committee will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in **Room 002** of the Neenah Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted by: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary