

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 6, 2012

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Oshkosh Human Services Building  
220 Washington Ave., Oshkosh  
Conference Room #33

**PRESENT:** Jeanice Brearley, Cindy Flauger, Tracy Gehrke, Elizabeth Jones, Cindy Knaggs, Lisa Lang, Amy Stack, Rob Paterson, Luann Rodriguez, Mary Krueger and Dorothy De Grace

Elizabeth Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Rob Paterson moved for approval of the agenda as written; seconded by Amy Stack and carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2011 Meeting:** With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Cindy Knaggs moved for approval; seconded by Tracy Gehrke and carried.
3. **Member Sharing:**

Elizabeth Jones said the annual Walk for Autism will take place on April 28 starting and ending at Tanner's in Kimberly. More information can be found at the Friends of Autism website. Elizabeth said there is a new center for autism called Connections, LLC that serves children and youth with autism up until age 18. It provides intensive services during the day and social skills and life skills programs after school. Some private insurance companies will pay for the service, and they are waiting to hear from the state with approval to use autism funds.

Cindy Flauger said the Beyond Boundaries of Autism Program was invited by the Children's Museum in Appleton to host a private event at the museum to promote awareness and access for children with disabilities. The building will be closed to the public for this event on Friday, April 27 after regular museum hours. Cindy said Goodwill Industries plans to host the Miracle League of the Fox Valley for the 3<sup>rd</sup> season through the Appleton Park System. They are looking for any child that has a disability to participate in this baseball program, and they also need volunteers.

Tracy Gehrke said the Oshkosh Health Department will become absorbed into the Winnebago County Public Health Department on May 1; the Neenah Health Department will merge with them on June 1. There will be two sites—the Neenah staff will temporarily continue working out of Neenah City Hall, and the Oshkosh staff will stay at the Otter Street location. Menasha decided to opt out of the merger at this time, since part of their service area is Calumet County.

**4. Family Support Program 2012 Plan Approval:**

The 2012 Family Support Plan is similar to last year's plan. With no significant changes besides a typographical error, Tracy Gehrke moved for approval; seconded by Cindy Flauger and carried.

- 2012 Statistics: The statistics are included in the Family Support Program 2012 plan and show that we served 93 children with Family Support Program dollars during 2011.

**5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:**

- 2011 Stats – Cindy Flauger said for the entire year we received 425 referrals. Some of the referrals do not end up in the Birth-to-Three system, but move into Early Intervention for further evaluation. We served a cumulative total of 266 children in 2011.
- 2012 Stats – Cindy Flauger said we already served 153 children this year, which includes the count of 127 from December 2011; 17 added in January; and 9 so far in February compared to 131 children for the same time last year. She said we are seeing a lot of referrals from physician groups, and there has been a lot of partnering with Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). Sometimes physicians refer children as a precaution. We are seeing a lot more children where we end up providing some type of activity resource support. Cindy said they are looking to see if there is a way of handling those types of referrals differently without duplicating the screening process.

Cindy said as a follow-up to their annual self-assessment, this year we had a conversation with a regional resource person where we looked at how we are being the most effective and at quality assurance indicators. We will have a follow-up conversation where we prepare a Program in Partnership plan to include details of how we will address the things identified. We want to make sure the results of our Child Find efforts put people in the right direction for services.

**6. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Time/Place:**

Several items were suggested for the next agenda: 1) an update on the merger of the Public Health Departments; 2) resource sharing about programs or services for children with disabilities and a way to promote them; 3) an update on the Birth-to-Three program's possible changes in funding or allocation.

**7. Next Meeting:**

With no other business, Elizabeth Jones adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Family Support Advisory Committee will be **Tuesday, June 12, 2012** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.