

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 11, 2012

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Culp, Cindy Flauger, Tracy Gehrke, Elizabeth Jones, Cindy Knaggs, Luann Rodriguez, Amy Stack, and Dorothy De Grace

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

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Cindy Knaggs moved for approval of the agenda as written; seconded by Tracy Gehrke and carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2012 Meeting:** With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Amy Stack moved for approval; seconded by Cindy Knaggs and carried.
3. **Member Sharing:**

Tracy Gehrke said that her son recently completed six months of vision therapy and it has really helped him to be able to work more independently with his school work. She recommended ABSee Vision Therapy in Menasha for children or adults who would benefit from the therapy. She said the agency only accepts Medical Assistance or Medicare.

Beth Culp said we are getting a lot of referrals from schools, and almost all of them have been for kids with severe emotional disturbances. Beth said the Neenah School District has purchased an Internet program that does career assessments.

Elizabeth Jones said the “Friends of Autism” group is bringing in a presenter to Oshkosh who specializes in social skills for autistic individuals. Elizabeth will bring the dates of the presentation to the next meeting. She said the Friends of Autism group hosted a Walk for Autism in Madison a few months ago which was very successful.

Luann Rodriguez said the Family Therapy Team has a lot of overlap with clients in Long Term Support. They will be hiring two additional therapists which will help reduce the numbers on the waiting list.

4. Family Support Program Updates:

- 2013 Plan – Beth Culp said that about a month ago we authorized a projected amount of about \$117,000 for Family Support services. We will probably be close to spending all of it for 2013. Families that had Family Support as a match source will continue to receive the same amount of services that they received in 2012, which will put us over half of our allotment. Cindy Flauger said the Kiwanis Club has a goal of raising \$750,000 for a grant program that would award about 1,000 I-pads to children on the autism spectrum. Cindy has application forms and other information about the program. Beth Culp said she will be preparing the 2013 Family Support Plan and give a copy to the committee for review.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2012 Stats – Cindy Flauger said they served 261 children year-to-date. She said they received 355 referrals for evaluation, and out of that number they found that 126 children were ineligible for the program. Cindy said she gave a presentation about the Birth-to-Three Program to the Human Services Board in November. She said the program would probably exceed the contracted amount for 2012. They are hoping to add to their team in 2013 because of their increased numbers of referrals. They will go through an on-site assessment in the first quarter of 2013. Cindy said they always get good feedback from the state, which they can incorporate into a plan for improvement.

Cindy said she has been looking at information regarding trauma informed care and the impact of emotional trauma on children.

6. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Time/Place:

Elizabeth Jones asked committee members for future agenda items. The meetings will continue at the Oshkosh Human Services Building starting at noon.

7. Next Meeting:

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

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Secretary