

Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Amy Stack, Kathy Schumacher, Pam DeLap, and Deb Fleming, Linda Jones-Pierron, Tim Gantz, Staci Thorkildsen, Wendy Hein, Jessica Quillman

STAFF PRESENT: Beth Roberts, Cristie Siebenaller and Julienne Gohde

Beth Roberts called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30pm. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the December 10, 2019 Meeting:

Amy Stack moved for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Pam DeLap and carried. Tracy Gehrke made a correction via email that there is not a “new” WIC director, but a “new shopping guide”.

- 2. Presenter- Ashley Wundrow of Christian Servants:** Ashley is the general manager for Christian Servants, which is a new in-home care agency targeted towards non-medical services to provide in the home. All of the general managers work from their homes and use their own vehicles and laptops which has taken away the overhead cost to the company. Their goal in eliminating the overhead costs allows them to pay their caregivers way above market average. A few examples of services that they provide are: medication prompting, companionship, personal care, transportation, housekeeping, meal prep and more. They do provide respite. Their pediatric population ranges from those with special needs to those that need help with social interactions.

3. Member Sharing:

Jessica Quillman represents ABLE RCO. She updated the committee that there are only a few children left on their waitlist.

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC. No new updates to share.

Amy Stack is the parent of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy. Amy thanked Beth Roberts for helping watch her daughter while she went to get her car during a snowy night at a basketball game.

Wendy Hein represents the Early Intervention Birth to Three Program and will share her updates later in the meeting.

Staci Thorkildsen represents UW-Oshkosh Head Start Program. Registration has started; handout with registration information passed out.

Tim Gantz represents the Neenah Joint School District. They are working towards a referendum in April.

Linda Pierron represents the Oshkosh Area School District and is happy to be back after her absence.

Deb Fleming represent the Menasha Joint School District. They just opened another early childhood session. They are very busy in the early childhood area.

Pam DeLap is the parent of a son with Autism. She shared a few upcoming events:

- February 28th- Supported Decision-Making Training Summit in Madison
- March 24th- Disability Advocacy Day in Madison; self-advocates, family members and professionals come together that day and talk with legislators.
- May 7-8: Circles of Life- now open for registration

Pam also wanted to share the struggles that she has had with the transition piece from school to work with her son. DVR has been very little help to them. She wishes that they would have started with job development at the age of 16 with their ABA therapist. She believes that this would help make a smoother transition later on.

4. Children's COP and CLTS Program Updates:

Service and Program Updates –

- ABLÉ legislation handout- information on ABLÉ savings accounts and how to contact your legislators to support this bill. Pam DeLap informed the committee that this is an account that allows for people with disabilities to start to save more than their \$2,000.00 (limit allowed for Medical Assistance). There is legislation passed that WI residents are able to have an account, but one can't be started in WI at this time, one would need to go to another participating state to open the account. This legislation would be to have the ability to open an account in WI.

- Amy Stack added that there is another bill that is being proposed that would require new buildings of certain size and use to include adult sized changing tables. Please see the information attached.
- Diversity efforts are being made to help support people from various cultures. Looking at free training opportunities that would be for anyone that is interested.
- Sunday, April 5th is “Unity in the Community” at the Oshkosh Convention Center. This is a great opportunity to learn about people from other cultures. There will be dancers, drummers from Africa, Hmong productions and food from other cultures.
- There will be a Medistar review of the waiver programs. They will be reviewing about 30 children.
- Outlier requests: There were about 20 requests and so far, all have been approved.
- Not all contracts with vendors have been completed yet.
- Financially, we did not meet our Maintenance of Effort for 2019. The State holds us to having to spend ~\$630,000.00 of our own money within the waiver programs. We met all of our needs and served every child that we could serve, but did not achieve the required local match.
- CCOP plan was approved by DHS.
- 2020 Services:
 - 370 Children enrolled in Waiver Program
 - 1 enrolled in childcare
 - 174 enrolled in respite
 - 57 enrolled in supportive home care (while parents are working)
 - 15 enrolled in transportation
 - 20 enrolled in daily living skills
 - 5 enrolled with a personal emergency device
 - 5 enrolled with adaptive equipment
 - 7 enrolled with parent training
 - 133 enrolled using private providers

Many are dually eligible which means they might have more than one diagnosis. When they are counted in the demographics, they get counted as a developmental disability.

60% have a developmental disability

32% have a mental health diagnosis

8% have a physical disability

- Service Gap- Personal care workers through Medical Assistance. These workers used to be able to be authorized through the waiver. As of this calendar year this cannot be authorized through the waiver as it needs to go through Medical Assistance. A very

small number of agencies that bill MA don't have the capacity to provide these services.

- Waitlist Updates – Elizabeth hired one more contracted LSS case manager. This should eliminate the waitlist, maintaining no waitlist and making sure that caseloads are a manageable size.

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

- Social-Emotional Grant – DHS gave extra money that they will give out to Birth-to-three programs through grants for innovation in social-emotional development. They submitted a proposal for the grant which was due on January 31st. The State received 31 proposals from 50 different counties. A proposal was submitted from both Winnebago and Outagamie counties combined, requesting a Limited Term Employee to act as a liaison between the Child Welfare agencies and the Birth-to-three program in both counties. This position would also look at the screening and assessment practices in Birth-to-three because the enrollment data is fairly low, only enrolling about 10% of the referrals coming from child welfare, which is alarming. Lastly, they would focus on professional development opportunities. They should find out by the end of March if the grant was awarded and the position would start in July.
- 2019 Year in Review Data: Handout was provided. This data is for the 2 counties combined. Referrals were 7% lower in 2019 vs. 2018. The percentage of children enrolled were up 6.5% from 2018. The goals for 2019 are highlighted in blue. The largest goal for 2019 was the “Families choosing to discontinue” category. This category decreased from 9.54% in 2018 to 5.98% in 2019. More personal contacts with the families were made in 2019.

6. **Behavioral Health:**

- CST Statewide Survey Results
Decided to table this until the next meeting.

7. **2019 Focus Areas and Committee Role:**

- State of the Child Report
This project came about in 2018 to talk about why the children in Winnebago County showed poorer outcomes than others in the tri-county area. They wrote a planning grant, hired a results-based accountability facilitator to walk through the data, and settled on what their focus area will be. There is not much data on children available under 5 years of age. They decided on developmental screenings as a focus with their community partners (OASD, Theda Care, Davis Child Care Center and the Birth-to-three program). They are currently using the Brooks ASQ Enterprise database. This planning grant has come to an end and they are submitting a full implementation grant for the Basic Needs Giving Partnership through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, asking to take this small pilot project and asking to expand it include all of the health systems, school districts, more childcare centers, Head Start, and family services.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2020** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. The committee approved the following meeting dates for 2020: **September 08, 2020** and **December 10, 2020**. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder