

Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Tracy Gehrke, Sharon Oberkrieser, Amy Stack, Amy Wilson, Erin Kraft, Alyson Windle, Jessica Quillman, Kelly Skifstad, Marie Boleman, Kathy Schumacher, Angela Wade, Pam DeLap, and Deb Fleming

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Nancy Koene, Carlie Mathiebe, Rozlyn Fox, Mary Salzer, and Julienne Gohde

Sharon Oberkrieser called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30pm. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the May 14, 2019 Meeting:

Nancy Koene moved for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Deb Flemming and carried.

2. Presenter: Alyson Windle, Options for Independent Living

Options is a non-profit agency that covers 17 counties in northeast Wisconsin. They are an independent living center; a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering people of any age to live safely and independently in their communities. They are 1 of 8 centers that cover WI. They are non-residential and provide 5 core services.

1. Information & Referral: provides information about community services and resources.
2. Peer Support: available from staff and trained volunteers who have personally experienced a disability and have attained a substantial degree of independence.
3. Independent Living Skills Training: provided on a one-to-one basis, such as managing a personal care assistant, steps to locating affordable, accessible housing, and use of city bus and para-transit systems.
4. Transition Services: facilitates transition from nursing homes and other institutions to the community, provides assistance to those at risk of entering institutions and facilitates transition of youth to post-secondary life.
5. Advocacy: staff provides training, information and support to promote an individual's right to full inclusion within their community.

Additional services can have a fee per service, however consults are free of charge. These services include work incentive benefits counseling, assistive technology, residential assessment and Medicaid Personal Care Program.

Assistive technology is not sold by Options, but information will be provided as to where they can purchase it. Options has many different assistive technology devices to try out, such as a loan and demo program for clients to try before they buy. Devices are geared for people that have autism, hearing, vision, or memory loss. As an organization they cover all types of disabilities and ages. They have a modified house set up for individuals to try out different types of modifications, such as cooking on an undercut stove or learn about different types of bathroom modifications.

Options also has a certified peer specialists that provides CCS services to 3 of the counties that they cover. They are also a host site for the certified peer training. These services include one-to-one peer mentoring, training for life skills for adults with mental health challenges. They also provide youth transition services, self-advocacy 6 week curriculum in coordination with DVR to youth with disabilities transitioning out of high school. They do provide personal care services if the client is a Medicaid beneficiary and has an interested caregiver. They have a nurse that will do training and follow up with caregivers. Options just hired a care coordinator for this program and currently have 1 nurse.

People do not need a referral to receive services from Options. Options does work with the CLTS as well as adult programs for equipment and home modifications.

3. Introduce New Team Members: Rozlyn Fox and Carlie Mathiebe:

Rozlyn Fox has worked in the field of crisis response and for Domestic Abuse shelters.

Carlie Mathiebe has experience working with in the field of crisis as well as providing services for children with various special needs.

Rozlyn and Carlie are contracted through Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to provide Service Coordination to eligible children on the Children's Long Term Support program. They work out of the LSS site in Appleton and will serve primarily children in the northern end of Winnebago County.

4. Member Sharing:

Jessica Quillman is the new program director for Able at the Oshkosh site. She replaced Amanda and is still in training at this time.

Kelly Skifstad is a program support coordinator for OASD attending in Linda Pierron's absence.

Marie Boleman- of the Oshkosh Public Library. She shared their flyer for upcoming events and encouraged it be shared with families.

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC. She does not have many openings for clients at this point. She does have some Tuesday early morning openings for birth-6 class and involves integrating kids with and without special needs.

Angela Wade is the owner of TRIO Academy. A social skills group should be starting soon: Tuesday and Thursday possibly from 5-6pm for 8-14 year olds. Diagnostic interest from the community is high – next opening is as soon as mid-October. They are also full for after school services until January 2020.

Pam DeLap is a parent. She has been working with DVR and had not been very successful with finding the appropriate support for her son. They now have independent job coaches and she is finding this support more helpful. Pam and her son Ben will be presenting at the Supportive Decision Making Summit at the Kalahari for 450 guests. Ben will be highlighted as a speaker.

Mary Salzer is the Youth Justice Program Supervisor for Winnebago County Human Services. She has been employed here for the past 20 years.

Nancy Koene is the Youth Mental Health Supervisor. She supervises CCS/CST and behavioral health services for children and their families.

Elizabeth Wagner is the Children's Long Term Support supervisor and the county liaison for Birth to 3/Early Intervention. She spoke about the Culture of Poverty Training that is available at the Hooper Center. Another training available through NAMI for a family educational series (handout passed around). Suicide prevention week is coming up and there is a Community Conversation taking place on September 16th. Also, the Winnebago County Wheelchair wash is to take place at the Menasha Senior Center on September 28th.

Deb Flemming is the Menasha Joint School District transition coordinator for Birth to 3 transitioning to the school. She is involved in the evaluations and the IEP meetings. She also teaches early childhood special education.

Tracy Gehrke is a public health nurse with the Winnebago County Health Department. She shared the below updates:

1. Prenatal Care Coordination is a service that is provided to women that have Medicaid to educate them throughout their pregnancy. They will not turn anyone away whether they have MA or not. The caseload sizes for this program have doubled this year compared to last year.
2. The public health supervisor, Cindy Draws, is retiring after 41 years with the county. Alana Erickson is replacing her starting September 18th.
3. Public Health is waiting on the Department of Transportation grant so they can provide car seats to members of the community. Receivers need to be on a federally funded program.
4. The Back to School Fair went well this year and public health will continue to be involved in future fairs.
5. Public Health has 3-4 AmeriCorps Service members this year. They get a living stipend of around \$12,000 per year. They are considered a service member and not an employee.

Sharon Oberkrieser is parent of a child with Down syndrome and facilitates the **Down to Earth Group**.

Amy Wilson is here on the behalf of Wendy Hein with the Early Intervention Program.

Erin Kraft represents Lutheran Social Service and oversees CCS and the Mental Health clinic. They partner with Catalpa and United Way to provide services in schools through the PATH (Providing Access To Healing) program.

5. Children's COP and CLTS:

- Services and Program Updates
 - The Children's Long Term Support Waiver manual is in process of being updated by the state. Due to program changes in 2019, Winnebago County continues to create new or update current processes and forms to align with the changes.
 - The state just released rates for group and per diem services that are expected to be in place by 2020. Per diem or daily rates require licensure for agencies so that may result in a gap in overnight services in the future as we don't have those licensed resources in this area at this time for overnight respite and current providers are not interested in licensing.
 - Winnebago County is in the process of completing contracts with providers for year 2020. Some new agencies are now available or will be available in 2020.
 - Currently, Winnebago County CLTS is under budget but not all summer expenses have yet been billed by provider agencies. There are expected to be home and vehicle modification requests submitted to DHS and those will be high cost items.
- Waitlist Updates – Continues to remain close to 25. While children are continuously enrolled into the program, the referrals continue to come into the program. The hope is the 2 new staff hired through Lutheran Social Services will assist us in further reducing the waitlist.
- CCOP annual plan update – An update to the 5 year plan must be submitted yearly to DHS. The form to use is the same template as last year. It will be sent out by email separately for the committee to review and give feedback. The largest update is to how referrals come in and what internal staff may be engaged to ensure the child or family's needs are being met in the most appropriate way. The name change for this group will also be noted in this plan.

6. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2019 Stats – The State audit with Metastar is coming up in September. Both counties, Winnebago and Outagamie, will be counted as one. The Birth to Three program will be applying for a grant through the Bureau of Children's Services for an Innovation and Social Emotional Development grant. Applications are due in January. Please contact the program with any suggestions on what you see as a need in the early childhood field.

7. Behavioral Health:

- CST Work Plan - Tabled until next meeting

8. 2019 Focus Areas and Committee Role

- Supported Decision Making - Covered previously by Pam DeLap. The ADRC and CLTS staff are trained and processes have been updated to include this option. Continued efforts

will occur throughout the community to ensure other parties are aware, such as financial institutions and legal representatives. This focus area will be removed from the agenda as of 2020.

- State of the Child Report - The pilot has started as of September 1st. This effort is focused on screening young children under 3 at certain intervals in development at specific locations included in the pilot in hopes of gathering baseline developmental data on children living in our community. The hope is to then expand this practice to other sites and then proceed forward in identifying what interventions may be put into place to best support children in the areas of health, safety and learning.
- Early Childhood Resolution - This was by passed the Winnebago County Human Services board at the end of spring. This is closely tied to other efforts occurring in our community. Further updates to come on what this resolution will ultimately look like.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder