

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Amy Stack, Kathy Schumacher, Linda Jones-Pierron, Pam DeLap, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Wendy Hein, Bridgett Hammen, Brittany Rewolinski, Deb Flemming, Kara Van Vooren, Tracy Gehrke

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Abigail Schwabenlender, Pam Bartelt and Julienne Gohde

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the December 12, 2017 Meeting:

Motion for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, seconded and carried.

2. Early Intervention Program- Wendy Hein

Valley Packaging Inc. (VPI) assumed the contract with Winnebago County on 1/1/2018. They needed new locations to accommodate growth: Community Early Learning Center (which is their headquarters), and 2 new satellite locations; one in Oshkosh and one on the north side of Appleton. VPI consists of 6 regional teams across 2 counties, 1 team is shared for the reason being to accommodate children that move across county lines will still have the same case worker.

All referrals go through them for the Birth to Three program.

Phone Number is (920) 997-1484 or email at b3referral@vpind.com

3. Member Sharing:

Sharon Oberkrieser is parent of Downs Syndrome child and facilitates the **Down to Earth Group**.

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC.

Amy Stack is the parent of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy.

Pam Delap is a parent in Oshkosh. Shared information on Supportive Decision Making. See further in minutes for information.

Linda Pierron is the Director of Special Education for the Oshkosh Area School District. Just came from IDMS Valentine's Day dance (prom) for middle and high schoolers at Oshkosh North High School which had pure role models, one for every special education student.

Bridgett Hammen is with COVEY which was previously Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin. Their Afterschool program has openings. They are getting ready for summer programs. COVEY will be putting on a meet and greet with Hooper Law office at the end of April to speak to kids about their rights and options and answer questions. More information will be available at the end of the month.

Brittany Rewolinski is with COVEY and oversees Respite services. Respite house will open March 16th for children ages 7-17 to sleepover and for respite. There will be capacity for 4 children for overnight stays and 2 hourly for a total of 6 children per day. There will be 2 staff per shift and they can go on more outings. In home respite program will be available for children aged 3-adulthood; no parameters on service-available before school, after school, weekends, overnights.

I Can Shine Bike Camp will be held this year at Tipler Middle School, June 11th-15th.

Deb Flemming is with Menasha Joint School District and teaches Early Childhood halftime and is the Transition Coordinator (Birth-3 transitions, evaluations and placements)

Kara Van Vooren is with Northeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Brought handouts, "Where you're at..." by ages. These also teach "How to Play with Kids" activities.

Tracy Gehrke works for Winnebago County Health Department. Gave update on State of the Child Report. See further in minutes for information.

Elizabeth Wagner shared two handouts. First being on a class that is geared towards children that are graduated out of Autism treatment therapy but family members are still looking for support from professionals and to connect with other parents. Second, a handout on Tax Filing Assistance.

Larry Lautenschlager is the chair of the Department of Human Service (DHS) board

Mike Norton is the Vice Chairman of the DHS board

4. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2017 Authorizations –Total amount of CCOP funding Winnebago County received for 2017 was \$633,350. \$16,291 was used for purely CCOP services, which is funding for those who are not eligible for the Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Waiver program, or those who need a service that CLTS cannot fund. An additional \$10,000 is billed to assessment and plan funding. The rest of the \$607,000 is used as a match source for the CLTS Waiver program. There is additional Winnebago County funding of around ~\$200,000 that is also utilized to fund services for CLTS participants.

- Gaps in Service – None noted
- CCOP Plan – Turned in plan to State in December. Haven't heard any approval yet, just that they received it.
- Waiver Changes – Had approval in October from the State to remove children off the waitlist. Will receive a certain amount of money for each child that is enrolled, as approved by the State. Service Coordinators are continuing forward with enrolling children into CLTS each month in hopes of exhausting our waitlist by the end of 2018. Looking at enrolling a similar amount of children each month.

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

- 2018 Stats – Will be changing brochures in the future from VPI. In January 2018, we had 162 children enrolled. Added 10 and discharged 11. Currently have 161 children enrolled.

6. **2018 Focus Areas and Committee Role:**

- Supported Decision Making

Passed out 2 brochures on Supported Decision Making. Pam stated that both the Senate and Assembly had a hearing on Supportive Decision Making which passed unanimously to go on to the next step. Supportive Decision Making is about an individual maintaining rights to make their own decisions, while having supports in place to assist in decision making, as needed, as opposed to more restrictive options, such as guardianship. Once this passes, education needs to begin on what this means for people.

- State of the Child Report/Child Care Resources

Oshkosh is the poorest community in the tri-county area. Single household families are increasing beyond belief (~74% in Oshkosh). CPS referrals were higher than the state average. Looking to meet/ have a forum on this. Applying for a \$25,000 grant from the Oshkosh Community Foundation to look at this initiative. The grant would be from July 1, 2018 through December 2019. Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) can't write for the grant because they are a non-profit government entity, so VPI agreed to be a fiscal agent for this grant.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8, 2018** from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder