

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Sue Berndt, Amy Stack, Lawren Olivanti, Kathy Schumacher, Laura Warren, Linda Jones-Pierron, Cassie Schneider, Amy Wilson, Pam DeLap

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner and Pam Bartelt

Sharon Oberkrieser called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 noon. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the November 29, 2016 Meeting:

Linda Pierron moved for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Amy Stack and carried.

2. Presentation – ABLE Residential and Community Options, LLC:

Cassie Schneider shared that their company was started in Manitowoc, WI. Her husband started the program in 2009 and there are 58 participants currently scheduled and there is also a waitlist. The most popular service is group programming. Was created to provide respite services and social skills to provide a summer program and then went into after school programs. Goals are established and that is what is focused on; some of which are: daily living skills, creativity sensory input, team building, trust exercises, sports and community integration. Individualized services are also provided where the parents pick two behaviors to focus on. They do provide services for adults as well as children. Office is located on 220 South Washburn St, Oshkosh. There was an open house January 2017. Staff is trained in-house. Cassie shared their brochure.

3. Member Sharing:

Sue Berndt is with UWO Headstart Program for children from 3-5 years of age and they are currently in open registration, taking place today from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Wilcox Center which is attached to Boys & Girls Club. Another session will take place March 6, 2017 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and also March 7, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Sue shared their brochure.

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Amy Stack is the parent of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy. The Covey dance was a great event.

Laura Warren is client services coordinator at the Respite House for Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin. They still have openings for their after-school program for children seven years of age and older. They also offer weekend activities.

Sharon Oberkrieser is parent of Downs Syndrome child and facilitates the **Down to Earth Group**. Sharon shared on behalf of Sherry Nedens that there is a conference coming up in March, 2017 for parents, family members, self-advocates and professionals. Sharon shared a brochure. Sharon mentioned **Health Check** which helps advocate for items that are denied by insurance. She is looking for additional information.

Pam Delap is a parent in Oshkosh. Working on statewide consortium for Supportive Decision Making which is an alternative to guardianship. They are looking at having trainings in regards to using 'supportive decision making' when applicable in talking with families versus going directly to 'guardianship'. Next step is talking with schools to get more information to the teachers. Working with legislators to create a bill. Parents need more information on resources available.

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC. Working on getting a music class started on Monday afternoons in April/May 2017. Does a Literacy and Learning through Music program that was piloted in Omro and now expanded to Ripon, Berlin. Would like to get to Oshkosh area. Group goes out in the community to senior populations and shares a 30 minute program with the kids, then they read together and close with a song. Looking to make connections with interested people in Oshkosh.

Laura Warren is with COVEY which was previously Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin. They changed their name to provide a more accurate description of the people they serve. Sleep-away camp is no longer taking place. Trying to find another option to share in Winnebago County. **I Can Shine** is a summer camp for bike riding that is coming up the week of June 12, 2017. There is an upcoming bike ride on May 20, 2017. Valentines dance was a great turnout. Talked about Life-Span Respite Grant which includes seventeen counties.

Linda Pierron is the Director of Special Education for the Oshkosh Area School District. She shared that the Valentines Party for West and North High schools was a success. More people are needed for volunteering at Special Olympics. Linda updated the group about Celebrating Abilities Rallying Everyone (CARE) Days at Oshkosh West High School on May 17, 2017.

4. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2016 Authorizations – There were 178 authorizations, 60 children served under CCOP match (total cost \$379,363) and 34 children served under CCOP Pure (total cost \$42,660) Fifty-two percent of authorization are for respite care, with 12% for child care, 10% for adaptive aids and 4% for case management.
- Gaps in Service – Medical providers, crisis service
- CCOP Plan – Final approval from the state has not yet been received.
- Waiver Changes – Governor's budget proposed allotting additional funds to counties with waitlists for children's services so when the statewide waitlist begins it is not expected to be a long wait. The budget must be approved in June by Joint Finance Committee. No changes have been made to the Waiver program at this time. Families will receive a letter from the state regarding the three separate waivers (DD, PD, SED) merging into one waiver. Discussion was had on Health Check / EPSDT and Pam DeLap offered further details on this benefit and will follow up with informational handouts she has received. A child must have an exam with a doctor and coding must be specific. Waiver will not be able to cover needs that Health Check can cover.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2017 Stats – 47 referrals were done this year with most referrals from physicians
- Fact Sheet related to State statistics of B-3 services was provided.

6. 2017 Focus Areas and Committee Role:

Focus on assisting children and families in navigating the system of transitioning into adulthood. Discussed the possibility of hosting a training on Supportive Decision Making. There was a request to gather further information on the outcomes of behavioral health services with any data to show results. Discussion on whether shelter care changes behavior and how those services are helping vs. just being a band-aide.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9, 2017** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. The committee approved the following meeting dates for 2017: **September 12, 2017** and **December 12, 2017**. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Recorder