

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Kathy Schumacher, Linda Jones-Pierron, Tracy Gehrke, Wendy Hein, Kortney Dahm, Amanda Schneider, Brittany Rewolinski

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Julienne Gohde, Nancy Koene

Elizabeth Wagner called the meeting to order at approximately 12:35pm. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 13, 2018 Meeting:

Minutes were approved.

2. Behavioral Health Updates- Nancy Koene:

Nancy Koene was recently employed as the Youth Mental Health Supervisor. She supervises the case managers and therapists who are working with Youth Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and also supervises Coordinated Services Team (CST), which is new as of January 2018. This is a \$60,000 yearly grant that is used to spread the CST approach throughout the agency. Twenty-eight Child Welfare staff will be attending a CST training. CST is seen as a process and CCS is as a program. A functional screen is used to determine eligibility for CCS but is not required for CST. CST is beneficial for families that have a child who is having struggles in more than one area in life. Having a CST service coordinator assist the family in coordinating care and support with others who work with the child, including, school, other family members, community members, therapists, pastor/priests, friends and anyone else the family deems necessary can provide the family the support they need to be as self-reliant and capable as possible. There are roles for team members and a plan of care is developed with the family. Families and team members find regular meetings, which are involved in the CST approach, often lead to efficient communication and improved functioning for the team. This helps empower the parent and child in hopes they will eventually not need service coordination intervention.

Doug Brey supervises the Crisis team. A new position under crisis began in 2017 and is called the Family Mobile Team. FMT was added to support families that are struggling by responding in a crisis to minimize further escalation or out of home placement. If the family is struggling, they could call the Family Mobile team to go out to the home and separate parent and child to talk separately and to help deescalate the situation as it is happening instead of after the fact.

3. Member Sharing:

Brittany Rewolinski from Covey updated the group on the “I Can Shine Bike Camp”, running June 11th-15th. Nine spots are open for children 8 or over. Call Brittany to volunteer. Each child needs 2 volunteers.

Starting June 19th, there will be a Daily Living Skills (Tuesdays and Thursdays) class 2 times per week run out of their 6th Street location. There will be a curriculum and community outings to practice the skills that they are being taught in a group setting. A new house on the northern end of Appleton was purchased with 5 beds available and will be serving just children. The home will be in operation starting June 11th and will serve children from any county.

Kathy Schumacher, Music Therapy Services, LLC, is holding a summer music class. She offers a flexible schedule for families with busy schedules. The Early Childhood class she offers works on child development, motor skills and communication. Therapy classes include a written assessment and a treatment plan, social skills, and communication.

Amanda Schneider, ABLE, has summer programming that will be starting. Group programming for after school and summer. Adventure days occur on Fridays during summer and allow the children to practice skills that they learn during the weekly programming time. They also can provide services to children who are not successful in the school setting and instead attend their facility and receive assistance with homework and peer interactions to get them back into the school system with more success. ABLE is now offering a program that is specific for children with mental health needs. This should be starting by the beginning of next school year.

Linda Jones-Pierron, Director of Special Education Oshkosh Area School District, is working with the special education department on engaging parents about the philosophy of home schooling and how this can be beneficial for some students who may struggle in the standard school setting, as well as discussing modifications to the school day in relation to children with mental health needs. The school district is gearing up for summer school and is also in the process of hiring special education teachers.

Kortney Dahm, Menasha Health Department, reported the school district recently hired a new Public Health Educator. The school district is getting ready for summer school and teaching CPR classes to the school district staff.

Wendy Hein, Birth to 3 program with Valley Packaging, continues to work with the Outagamie and Winnebago B-3 teams on merging their paperwork and processes to become a larger cohesive program team. Wendy recently had the first combined meeting with school districts of both counties. TCM, the case management program the county agencies use, will be rolled out to B-3 staff on 5/9/18 ensuring everyone will be documenting the same way. B-3 recently hired an Early Childhood Director through the Community Foundation United Way grant. This is a 3 year grant where funds are provided yearly to fund the position. Her work plan is to work with hospital assessments and to create an early childhood database to find local resources. They also applied for a national Hope grant for technical assistance for \$80,000. They were chosen to move on to the next phase which is due May 30th. Winnebago

County was added to the application to be included in to the United Way Grant Fox-Cities, asking for additional funds as well.

Tracy Gehrke, Winnebago County Health Dept., The Basic Needs Partnership Grant interview was held and are now waiting to hear if the grant will be awarded. This grant would provide funding for a consultant that could take a deeper dive into the data provided by the Fox Valley Early Childhood Coalition. This will then inform the group members what other data is needed or what changes could occur within the community that would have the largest impact on families and children experiencing barriers to be safe, healthy and ready to learn.

Elizabeth Wagner, shared the Caregiver Conference handout.(Event took place May 17th) and handout on the upcoming Wheelchair wash occurring June 22nd from 10:00-2:00pm at Oshkosh North High School West parking lot. Family Support team referral number has changed from the ACCESS number of 236-4615 to 236-4650. Referrals now come in to person on the same floor as Family Support as opposed to through the Child Abuse and Neglect reporting line (ACCESS).

4. Children's COP Updates:

- Authorizations and Services, Gaps in Service and Waiver Changes – CCOP funding is used to match the federal dollars that Winnebago County receives for CLTS Waiver funding. CCOP funds are exhausted by the end of each year. County funds are used to match Waiver funding when CCOP is no longer available. Historically, Winnebago County's Behavioral Health services for children have been available predominantly in house as opposed to accepting referrals from the larger community. Winnebago County is working to change this so BH services are more available to children and families. Many children on CLTS in Winnebago would likely be eligible for BH programs. Some BH programs are reimbursed at a rate of 100% from Medicaid where as CLTS Waiver funding is reimbursed a rate of 60% so it would also be a benefit to the county and the use of county funds to supplement Waiver services if children can access BH services which may cause a change in the child's functioning that could reduce the child's need for Waiver services. Since CLTS currently has a waitlist, the hope is also that CLTS will be able to serve more clients off our waitlist if more clients can also be served under BH programs. Right now there is a waitlist for the CLTS program of approximately 39. Currently, CLTS is not enrolling more children from the waitlist until further discussions occur with the state regarding funding.

The Annual review with the State for the CLTS Waiver program occurs May 23-25. The auditors are looking at the Service Coordinator credentials this year, which is new, but is now required under the newly approved CLTS Waiver.

DHS approved the annual CCOP plan.

Jody Brown, staff member, is on medical leave for May. Intern Abby's last day was May 11th. One of her duties was working on the resource guide for the program.

Case load sizes are increasing. Usually 30 clients per case load and now that figure is closer to 40-45 clients.

Service coordinators are struggling with finding appropriate mental health access and providers for their clients, which is another benefit to the county's behavioral health unit to offer a larger scope of services.

CLTS is changing fiscal agent providers for the CLTS waiver program from FW Consulting to Lori Knapp Richland as of June 1st. Families are receiving letters to inform them of this change and can change anytime in 2018. This new company will offer a higher level of oversight and support with the fiscal agent forms and payments.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2018 Stats – See handouts. Most common reason for referral is communication delay.
- At the beginning of the month of March, Winnebago County enrolled 158 children, 10 new added, 24 closed cases, Ending with 144 active at the end of March.

6. 2018 Focus Areas and Committee Role:

(Information from Pam DeLap sent by email) Supported Decision Making Bill passed at the legislative level. Congressman Glen Grothman is asking for changes to federal policies that will direct state DVR programs to count facility based subminimum prevocational experiences as competitive employment. According to Pam, this would be taking a step backwards in time. Elizabeth and Pam will be connecting over the summer to set up a focus group to start educating the community.

- 7. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 11th, 2018** from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

Wendy Hein motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracy Gehrke. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder