

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Linda Pierron, Tracy Gehrke, Molly Martzke, Joe Hameister, Brittany Rewolinski, Laura Warren, Cindy Flauger, Amy Wilson, and Rob Paterson

STAFF PRESENT: Beth Culp and Dorothy De Grace

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

1. **Approval of Minutes for the March 15 2016 Meeting:** Linda Pierron moved for approval of the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Cindy Flauger and carried.
2. **Member Sharing:**

Rob Paterson represents the Human Services Board. He informed everyone that there will be Public Hearings for the 2016 Budget on Wednesday, June 22 in the Neenah Human Services Building from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, June 23 in the Oshkosh Human Services Building from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. followed by the Board's review of the Human Services 2016 Budget.

Linda Pierron is the director of special education for the Oshkosh School District. She said summer school has started for high school students, and elementary will start next week. They are using the Park & Recreation Department for resources, and they are providing free breakfast and lunch for eligible students and families. They also collaborate with other agencies for student activities.

Sharon Oberkrieser facilitates the Down to Earth group, which is mostly for parents of children with Downs Syndrome or other disabilities. The group meets sporadically, especially to interact socially.

Beth Culp responded to Sharon Oberkrieser's question about getting services covered as conveyed by members of the Down to Earth group. Beth said the state and federal government have guidelines in place as to what services we can pay. She said in most cases, Medical Assistance and other community resources must be exhausted before waiver funds will pay. Beth will talk more about the updates to the waiver program at the September meeting.

Children's COP Committee Meeting
Minutes of 6/14/16
Page 2

Tracy Gehrke is a public health nurse with the Winnebago County Public Health Department. She said the recent child car seat recycling event was a huge success. They are working on a "breast feeding friendly initiative" with child care centers. There are two such centers in Oshkosh which will be recognized next week, and there are six others in the process. The anonymous Needle Exchange Program is starting to get busy. The Back to School Fair location has changed to Oaklawn School, and it will be held August 11. The Neenah/Menasha area will hold a Fair on August 4 at St. Gabriel's School.

Molly Martzke is with the Northeast Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN).

Joe Hameister is with the Northeast Regional Center for CYSHCN. They are currently in the process of organizing respite services in collaboration with the Long Term Support team for the waiver program.

Brittany Rewolinski is client services coordinator at the Respite House for Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin.

Laura Warren is the director of client services for Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin. She said they were recently awarded a grant to be a respite coordinator for the state's northeastern region. They will develop a resource list for various types of in-home and out-of-home respite. They will also have limited funding to pay for respite to qualified families. They will be able to collaborate with the CYSHCN program.

Cindy Flauger represents Early Intervention Services at Goodwill through the Birth-to-Three program. She mentioned that she is part of a group that has been meeting to discover the asset-based natural supports in the community to see what a person can do for himself first before seeking help. Usually a person's needs are filled by a social service delivery system that is based on eligibility criteria.

Amy Wilson is a team leader with Early Intervention Services who helps coordinate services.

3. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2016 Authorizations – Beth Culp said that for the Children's COP program, the funding we receive from the state is equal to our previous Family Support budget and funding we were receiving for the COP program. We currently have \$266,000 authorized as matched to a waiver for approximately 60 children, and we have \$41,000 authorized as a single service without a waiver match for 21 children.

4. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2016 Stats – Cindy Flauger said their referrals continue to be high, which impacts their ability to meet the indicators required by the state. As of May 31 they had 188 referrals compared to 133 last year at the same time.
- What is Birth-to-Three and how is it provided? – Amy Wilson explained that the Birth-to-Three Early Intervention program provides supports to children under the age of three that show a 25% delay in one area of their development or have a diagnosed condition that would likely lead to a delay. The service provider works with families, child care providers or grandparents in promoting their children's development and empowering them to become advocates. Our focus is on supporting the children to become successful in their everyday natural environment and activities. Referrals come to the program from physicians, family members, child care providers, etc. We do a screening and an evaluation to determine eligibility for enrollment in the program. We use a primary coach approach where one person on the team has a stronger relationship with the family, and they have access to a full team of interventionists. This approach supports families in everyday routines and learning opportunities. Families have the choice of whether or not they want to receive the support of the Early Intervention program.

- 5. Next Meeting:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13, 2016** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Recorder