

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 11, 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, Sue Berndt, Amy Stack, Kathy Schumacher, Pam DeLap, Tracy Gehrke

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner and Julienne Gohde

Sharon Oberkrieser called the meeting to order at approximately 12:35pm. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the May 8, 2018 Meeting:

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

2. TRIO Academy-Angela Wade:

TRIO Academy just opened at 2850 Universal St, Oshkosh, Wisconsin (on Hwy. 44 across from Verve Credit Union). They are a Center-based program for children, teens, and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities and provide diagnostic services, community & parent training. Their goal is to educate and nurture the individual and community (TRIO). They offer a wide range of services from diagnosis to daily living skills for children through adulthood and community outreach. No waiting list for diagnosis and ABA treatment services. They were founded to not only provide the needed services for each phase but to also help parents navigate through them. Their contact email is www.trioacademywi.com.

3. Member Sharing:

Tracy Gehrke, Winnebago County Public Health Department, informed us that they are gearing up for flu season. The Public Health Department currently has 4 new AmeriCorps service members with one more starting in fall.

Sue Berndt, Headstart, reported that they are full but always have movement so they are always taking applications. Headstart is a comprehensive program that not only services children ages 3-4 in the classroom, but also a family services component working with the parents of the children on developing goals, connecting them to resources, working on parenting skills and many other topics. Ten percent of their population can have

disabilities. They have a mental health consultant that comes in as needed, along with 3 social emotional development specialists. These specialist work with children that have more intensive behaviors. A unique part of the program is that they can go into the home to work with the parents.

Kathy Schumacher, Music Therapy Services, LLC, noted that registration is open for early childhood music class. She has openings for classes for Birth to 6 on Tuesday mornings 9:00 and 9:40. She has room for 4-5 more one on one music therapy clients.

Pam Delap, parent, announced that her son is entering his senior year at Oshkosh West and they have phenomenal staff.

Amy Stack, parent, also concurs that Oaklawn has super staff.

Sharon Oberkrieser, parent, stated that her son is starting his 7th grade year at Carl Traeger Middle and all is going well. The 9th annual Down Syndrome walk is being held on October 6th at Riverside Park in Neenah.

4. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2018 Authorizations –
Respite is the greatest service that is requested, followed by supportive home care and daily living skills.
CLTS is in the midst of contracting with Bright Star out of Appleton. They provide in home specialized care to those with autism or on the spectrum.
- Gaps in Service –
Transportation is one of the larger gaps. Need for transportation from Oshkosh to Neenah.
Mental Health Services-helpful to have more diagnostic availability with TRIO.
Supports for Non-English speaking families: as an agency we are seeing a lot more families in the area that we are supporting that are non-English speaking. We are working with a few different agencies in this area to help support these families.
- Waiver Program Updates –
There will be rate setting for CLTS occurring in 2019 as directed by the State. County agencies will work closely with provider agencies to maintain services that are available today.
Behavioral Health Services: CLTS and BH staff continue to work internally to ensure families who need more intensive supports than what community resources can offer are considered for BH services.
CLTS Waitlist: Winnebago County has resumed taking children off the CLTS and CCOP waitlist now that additional funding is confirmed from the State. We must reach 201 children enrolled in CLTS to meet our original waitlist goal. After that, the staff will provide additional funding dollars for children we remove from our waitlist that will cause use to exceed our 201 limit enrollment. We are projecting to exceed our 201 enrollment figure by November 2018 and will exhaust our waitlist by early 2019. We enrolled 15 children in September. There are currently 50 on our waitlist. There will be a statewide waitlist starting sometime in 2019.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2018 Stats –

Outagamie and Winnebago counties combined at the beginning of the year. Many changes but they are getting in the groove! Recently hired 2 new speech therapist in June and hired a new service coordinator in July. They will be changing their documentation system from TCM to Luna along with the county. The referrals are close to where they were last year. The average is 37.7 referrals per month. The Birth to 3 Stat Sheet was shared with the group.

6. 2018 Focus Areas and Committee Role:

Supportive Decision Making Document draft handed out. This is an alternate option to other more formal and restrictive decision making options, such as guardianship or POAs. It may also be used in conjunction with those other documents. Legislation has been passed in Wisconsin to incorporate this process into our legal system. BPDD and others are working to spread the word on this alternate option so it is considered when a discussion must occur regarding decision making needs for an individual. This option can allow the individual to maintain the ability to make decisions while also designate someone to support them with making certain decisions, as needed. BPDD is willing to provide information sessions to agencies regarding SDM. See link for further details: https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Lets_talk_SDM_10082018.pdf. SDM booklet: https://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Supported_decision_making_booklet_final.pdf

State of the Child: focus is on children ages 0-5 in Winnebago County and the barriers they face in the areas of their ability to be ready to learn, to be safe and to be healthy. The group has been awarded a grant from the Community Foundation to research the various factors that impact children in the areas of learning, health and safety. With that information, the group will then determine what community effort could be enacted that may reduce the barriers in one or more area. At this time, the group is recognizing a need for a consistent screening tool that can be used across systems for children to assist in tracking whether interventions are making an impact.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, December 11, 2018** from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. The following are tentative meeting dates for 2019: **February 12th, May 14th, September 10th and December 10th, 2019.**

With no other business, Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder