

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 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, Kiana Fuller, Lawren Olivanti, Laura Warren, Linda Jones-Pierron, Amy Wilson, Pam DeLap, Deb Fleming, Tracy Gehrke, Brittany Rewolinski, Barbara Sheldon

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 May 9th, 2017 Meeting:

Minutes were approved.

2. Member Sharing:

Pam DeLap is a parent in the community. She shared a situation of children learning about social media and the seriousness of the dangers involved. A Winnebago County officer has offered assistance to prevent further scamming. Pam also shared that the Joint Finance passed the Special Needs Vouchers recently. The original reason for the need for these vouchers was due to the open enrollment process not working properly. Now any student can say they would like a Special Needs Voucher and will receive one. There are no qualifying needs, they just need to have a service plan. The estimated cost for some of these removals is \$3.1 million to Wisconsin schools. An estimate of 250 students will take vouchers. Vouchers are about \$12,000 each.

Sue Berndt and her intern, Kiana Fuller, are with the Head Start Program. She shared a brochure of their program. They are currently near capacity but do continue to taking ongoing enrollment throughout the year. Up to 10% of their enrollments can be children with disabilities.

Barbara Sheldon is with the WIC program. She shared that they have introduced a new app for families in order for them to view their benefits and available balances. It also includes a bar-code scanner to assist them with their shopping needs. Winnebago County families have one of the highest number of people using this app. They are also participating in the Farmers Markets again this year, giving families access to healthy food choices. “Bonus 10” and “Discover the Market” are two of the programs provided. The “Fit Families” program continues, which targets 2-3 year olds to help parents promote goals of eating more fruits and vegetables. Another program in the Fox Cities is called the “Diaper Bag” which is now offered in the Neenah office for families receiving WIC. They are eligible for a package of diapers

once a month, sometimes also including wipes, when available. They would like to establish this program in the Oshkosh area.

Lawren Olivanti is with North East Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Lawren shared an upcoming training called “Build Your Bridge” which assists with transitioning planning for your child to enter into the adult health care system. Fliers were shared for the events: Neenah at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church on Monday, October 9, 2017 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Appleton Public Library – Room A on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Another training is “Parent to Parent of Wisconsin” at FVTC, Entrance 12 on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; registration required. They have teamed up with the Autism Society to act as a peer support to families. It is a two year commitment and the person would be matched with 2-3 families to make a number of contacts with each year.

Brittany Rewolinski is with Covey and shared the after school program is under way and going well. Laura Warren commented on the awesome outcome of the summer camp that mainly involved teen boys attaining healthy goals in social appropriateness. There was a lot learned and plan to create a bigger program next year involving more respite care offerings. The ‘I Can Shine’ bike camp was very successful with 16 of 18 riders being able to launch.

Tracy Gehrke is with Winnebago County Health Dept was a member of the Back-to-School Fair, which took place in August and was very successful. They are currently promoting breast feeding friendly initiatives in regards to childcare and workplace. They have three nurses attending ‘Milk Mob’ Training which is a program that helps anyone that has contact with breast feeding moms, other than lactation consultants, gain basic knowledge on how to assist more moms being successful with breast feeding. There is a class offered in October which consists of four sessions. The Dept of Transportation car seat grant is available and is approximately the same as last year’s funding amount. There is an upcoming community event at Home Depot on October 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Linda Pierron is the Director of Special Education for the Oshkosh Area School District and has shared that transportation continues to be an issue. There is going to be a pilot program at Oakwood School with a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) and a Speech therapist, as well as some parents, servicing 20 children. Project Search is up and running with 12 interns at Mercy. Ten of the twelve students that participated last year are working in jobs earning more than minimum wage and working more than 20 hours per week.

Deb Fleming with Menasha Joint School District is Early Childhood Special Ed teacher. Child Find Screening taking place September 25th.

Amy Wilson is a team leader for Early Intervention and shared that they had their onsite review with the state in August. Focus was on supporting parents in helping their children with everyday learning. Future case note documentation will include increased details on parent implemented goals.

Elizabeth Wagner shared that one of her service coordinators had resigned and the position has been filled with another county employee from within Human Services. Another service coordinator is out on a leave and a previous county employee will be filling in as a temp. The agency continues working on the transition to a new fiscal

agent: FW-Consulting. They are using a new online portal for employees and employers to log hours.

Sharon Oberkrieser has a middle schooler with Downs Syndrome. The annual Downs Syndrome Walk will take place in Riverside Park in Neenah on October 7th.

3. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2017 Authorizations – Elizabeth Wagner shared that in previous years, authorizations would have the main Waiver funding source matched with the CCOP funding, when needed. This year the match will always be county dollars, however CCOP funds will continue to be used before County dollars. Projections are done each month on use of CCOP dollars. Total amount we get is \$633,350. Projection is now showing that \$18,000 is used for pure COP services. \$615,000 is used as a match. Leftover dollars can be used for assessment and plan which is approximately \$10,000.
- CCOP Plan – There is an annual update that needs to be done and the advisory CCOP Board needs to oversee the plan and provide feedback. This is due in October, but we have yet to receive the template from the State.
- Waiver Changes – We are working with the State to remove children off the ‘wait list’ as of October/November hoping to have all off by spring, which was 21 at the end of July. Based on the new budget, no county should have a wait list by the end of 2018. Enrollments and yearly recertification will be completed online using Forward Health and this will start November 1st. State timelines from date of referral to the service plan completion have also changed. Health Check is a benefit through a section of the Medicaid card and our state contact is coming in September in order to get a more concrete guidelines of how to guide families with this benefit option. Shopko pharmacy has agreed to bill various items through this benefit.

4. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2017 Stats – Elizabeth shared the spread sheet
- Goodwill has been contracted with Winnebago County for the Birth-to-Three program for the past 25 years, but will no longer be doing continue providing this services starting in 2018. Requests for Proposal are due by September 25th for any interested parties.

5. 2017 Focus Areas and Committee Role:

- An email will be sent out regarding the “Supportive Decision Making” option continuing to move forward and educate the community.

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children’s COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12, 2017** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. Tentative dates were proposed for 2018 meetings: February 13, 2018; May 8, 2018; September 11, 2018 and December 11, 2018. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Recorder