

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 29, 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, Vicky Duley, Amy Stack, Suzanne DeGroot, Kathy Schumacher, Kortney Dahm, Erin Kraft, Laura Warren, Linda Jones Pierron, Brittany Rewolinski, and Cindy Flauger

STAFF PRESENT: Beth Culp, Elizabeth Wagner and Dorothy De Grace

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

1. **Approval of Minutes for the September 13, 2016 Meeting:** Linda Pierron moved for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Laura Warren and carried.
2. **New Family Support Supervisor:** Elizabeth Wagner is the new supervisor of the Family Support team.
3. **Member Sharing:**

Amy Stack is the parent of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy.

Brittany Rewolinski 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.

Laura Warren is director of client services for Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin. They have been working with a Life Span grant they received for service to the 17 counties in the northeast region. Their corporate office is relocating to Algoma Boulevard in Oshkosh.

Suzanne DeGroot is with the Northeast Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). She is the contact person for their respite program.

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC. She works with all age groups.

Kortney Dahm is a public health nurse with the city of Menasha and works for the Menasha School District.

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Erin Kraft works for Lutheran Social Services. She oversees a number of their programs, mainly the Family Preservation program. They provide mentoring as well as parent education.

Vicky Duley is the parent of a two-year-old child with special needs.

Sharon Oberkrieser has an 11-year-old son with Downs Syndrome. She facilitates the Down to Earth group, which is for parents of children with Downs Syndrome or other disabilities.

Linda Jones Pierron is the Director of Special Education for the Oshkosh Area School District. Their Project Search program offers three 10-week internships at Mercy Medical Center for students with intellectual disabilities. They have 13 applicants for next school year. There is a high employability rate for those individuals who complete the intern program. The goal is to give them the skills for future employability. An alternate education program, Whatever it Takes (WIT), is offered at the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club and is doing very well.

Cindy Flauger is with the Early Intervention Services (Birth-to-Three program) offered through Goodwill Industries.

Beth Culp is the Division Manager of Long Term Support services. She will be serving on a state committee for the upcoming changes to the Children's Long Term Support program.

4. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2016 Authorizations – Elizabeth Wagner reported that the COP match was 88 children being served which amounts to \$266,000; COP source was 29 children for \$59,000. We had 158 funding authorizations between the two sources, and 54% of the funding authorizations were for respite service; 12% for child care services; 17% for short-term services, such as adaptive equipment; 8 individuals received case management services.
- Gaps in Service – There was nothing to report.
- CCOP Plan – Beth Culp asked the committee for approval of the 5-year Children's Community Options Program (COP) Plan which is to be submitted to the Department of Health Services. Beth explained that CCOP funding for Winnebago County is sometimes used as a one-time service for a family's short-term need, and it is typically matched to a waiver. The CCOP Plan explains how we maximize funding to meet families' needs. Cindy Flauger moved for approval of the CCOP 5-Year Plan for submission to the state; seconded by Sharon Oberkrieser and carried.
- Waiver Changes – There was nothing to report.

5. **Birth-to-Three Program Report:**

- 2016 Stats – Cindy Flauger reported that the number of children served for October was 121; the number for November was 132. She said they recently received determination from the state that their program meets all requirements for the federal fiscal year 2014 through June 30, 2015.

6. **2017 Focus Areas and Committee Role:** Beth Culp asked the committee for any suggestions for the coming year.

7. **Next Meeting:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Children's COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 14, 2017** 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