

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Amy Stack, Kathy Schumacher, Lawren Olivanti, Katie Samuelson (presenter)

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Nancy Koene, Cristie Siebenaller, Bridget Shimon and Julienne Gohde

Sharon Oberkrieser called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30pm. Introductions were made.

1. Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2018 Meeting:

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

2. Presenter: Beaming-Katie Samuelson

Katie has been with Beaming for the past 9 years, being the center director for the past 2 ½ years. Beaming, a provider of therapeutic equine therapy, is growing and expanding their programming. They partner with UWO and are working with the Christine Ann Center, Wisconsin Sibs, and the YMCA. Beaming also supports area school district's adaptive physical education classes. In 2019, they will be conducting research analysis, in collaboration with UWO, on children with autism. About 80% of the children at their facility have autistic abilities. The entire family is encompassed in the program and involved in setting and obtaining goals. The riding demand is going up and more horses have just been added to the program. Brochures were handed out explaining the many various programs that are available.

Horses, Hearts & Heroes is a therapeutic horsemanship for veterans and active duty military of all ages and abilities.

Red, White & Blue Event is a program to educate first responders for emergencies with equine.

Horses and Hors d'oeuvres is a program offered to women who want to find strength, resilience and empowerment through equine.

Camp Filter: free camp limited to 20 teens, 5 day camp, sign up through the Christine Ann Center (collaborative partners, do not need to be staying there to register).

Camp Hold Your Horses: free camp limited to 16 campers, teens aged 13-17, mental health focused camp.

Therapeutic Riding Autism Camp: 3 day camp, August 5-7, can take up to 16 kids, parents must stay for this camp.

Visit beaminginc.org for more information.

3. Member Sharing:

Elizabeth Wagner, Family Support Team Supervisor, shared a few handouts that will be sent out electronically to the committee. “Caring for the Caregiver” conference on April 1st. The morning presentation is focused on caregivers for children and the afternoon is focused on caregivers for adults. “Circles of Life” conference is in May. Handouts provided. Supportive Decision Making will be discussed at this conference. Winnebago County is working with Oshkosh Area School District on how to support children that are struggling with not getting to school and how our community can better support those families. TRIO is holding a “Parents Night Out”, providing skilled respite support for their child so the parent can have a night for themselves. TRIO is hoping to have this as a monthly event.

Lawren Olivanti represents NERC (North East Regional Center). She shared that there are many training opportunities for parents and families. They are always looking to partner with organizations to provide trainings. They are trying to reach underserved populations and pointed out that mental health focus is one of those areas. The trainings are at no cost. Handout of the trainings were passed out. Will be sent electronically to the committee. They will be hiring for the full time program coordinator position.

4. Children’s COP and CLTS Program Updates:

- Services – services are branching out to various therapies; including music, art, and equine therapies, however other avenues may be considered prior to the requested therapy and is on a case by case basis. Division Managers are also looking at unique services that are out there to support children in the community.
- Program Updates – CCOP plan was approved by the State. New level of care determinations will eventually be setting the rates that CLTS will be paying to service providers. All new authorizations will be done in June because of the new codes and new rates. The CCOT team works with schools and member of the community for children that are transitioning out, will be holding a Transition Night at Fox Valley Tech.
- Waitlist Updates – Currently at about 15 children on the waitlist. The State will start a statewide waitlist in the near future but this date continues to be pushed back. We exceeded our capacity for enrolling as the service coordinators unable to maintain the increasing case load sizes.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2019 Stats – Handout, End of the year Data, Outagamie Co. is listed first and Winnebago Co is the second. Had the annual review with the State in January which was nice to see as this was our first year with Valley Packaging. Focus for this year is on parent child interactions, social-emotional needs. EIP is discussing how to capture eligible children and considering other assessments and on-going tools that can be used.

6. **Behavioral Health**

- Nancy Koene explained CCS/CST: Summary handout on the difference between CCS and CST
- CCS: Comprehensive Community Services is a program that has criteria wherein a child must be found eligible on a functional screen and this program can provide support throughout the lifespan of a person. Within CCS, they team with the family and incorporate the CST (Coordinated Services Team) approach. There is a small grant the county receives per year to support the CST model and process. In CST, they bring everyone to the table to talk together, no sidebar conversations, so that the parent is respected for their role. This program is about partnering and empowering the parents. There are team meetings to go over treatment plans and goals and facilitating services that they might need. The child is the identified person that needs the services, but really it involves the whole family. This is a family systems focus approach which identifies the child as the “symptom bearer” and sees the importance of working with the parents first in order to change family patterns to decrease the child’s symptoms. The philosophy is similar to Birth to Three’s model, Primary Coach Approach, to teach the parent so they can then teach the child. There are currently 39 children and families in this program.

7. **2019 Focus Areas and Committee Role:**

- **Supported Decision Making:** Pam Delap is sharing information about SDM to various groups and also offers training through BPDD. School personnel must include this discussion as part of the IEP process. The next step is to connect with the court system for training on SDM and when it should be considered. The BPDD website has information regarding SDM.
- **State of the Child Initiative:** Slow moving process but making progress and meeting regularly. One team within the larger group is focusing on the screening process at specific locations and at specific intervals for children, which will help us to gather baseline data and also capture data for our community moving forward. The other team is working on what to do with the various types of screening results and how to provide warm handoffs for families to supports and services that can meet their needs. This group also hopes this will lead to families becoming more willing to reach out for help if they receive consistent information at various locations when a child is screened. This initiative is for children that are 0-5 years of age and what interventions our community may make to best support their ability to learn. The group is working in collaboration with local medical systems, childcare centers and other entities who have a focus on early childhood to take part in this effort.

8. **Name Change Proposal:** CCS/CST will be joining with the CCOP committee, so a new name is being discussed. Nancy and Elizabeth proposed the name “Advisory Committee for Children’s Voluntary Services”.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children’s COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, 2019** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**. The committee approved the following meeting dates for 2019: **September 10, 2019** and **December 10, 2019**. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder