

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Beth Culp, Cindy Flauger, Tracy Gehrke, Elizabeth Jones, Amy Stack, Rob Paterson, Luann Rodriguez, and Dorothy De Grace

Elizabeth Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Tracy Gehrke moved for approval of the agenda as written; seconded by Cindy Flauger and carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes for the March 6, 2012 Meeting:** With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Amy Stack moved for approval; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried.
3. **Member Sharing:**

Rob Paterson informed the committee of the upcoming Public Hearings on June 20 and 21 hosted by the Human Services Board.

Liz Jones reported that the Walk for Autism had 2,600 participants this year. The money collected will be used for research and local activities for children with autism.

Beth Culp distributed a copy of a form that parents can use to register their child for Social Skills class to take place in Appleton and Oshkosh. Beth also distributed Birth-to-Three posters that committee members can hang up.

- Family Support Program updates: Beth Culp said that at the end of April we had 57 kids authorized to receive Family Support services for a cost of approximately \$95,000. She said we have been using between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per month for kids in Family Support.

Beth Culp said the state is revising its Family Support guidelines, which haven't been updated since the early 1990's. They will try and have it coincide more with Children's Waivers.

- Public Health merger: Tracy Gehrke said the Winnebago County Public Health Department merged with Oshkosh Public Health and are located at 112 Otter Street, Oshkosh. The merger with Neenah Public Health will take place July 2.

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

- 2012 Stats – Cindy Flauger said referrals continue to be on a high curve. She said that through June 1 they served 186 children that had gone through the evaluation process and were found eligible for the program. This compares to 181 children served last year at this same time. Currently there are 121 children active in the program, compared to 127 last year. Cindy said they've changed the way they approach services by shifting two of their staff positions to dedicated service coordinators. This was due to increased requirement from the feds to have more accountability measures in place, such as data tracking and rigorous assurances in parental procedural safeguards.
- Program or funding changes – Cindy said we were required by the state to meet certain indicators, but we missed two on the last cycle. We included an explanation of how we are addressing these indicators in our Programs in Partnership Plan. Cindy said we anticipate changes in the plan regarding funding, which is similar to a waiver. It would be called a 1937 benchmark plan, and it would tell us how we can tap into funds for services for some children.

**5. Promoting Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities:**

Amy Stack shared a list of recreational opportunities in the Fox Cities for youth and young adults with special needs, which was prepared by the Appleton Easter Seals organization. Beth Culp will check into posting these recreational opportunities onto our agency Website under the Family Support program for staff reference.

**6. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Time/Place:**

Beth Culp will include on our next agenda a presentation by Kara Van Vooren regarding the resources of the Northeast Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN).

**7. Next Meeting:**

With no other business, Tracy Gehrke moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Family Support Advisory Committee will be **Tuesday, September 11, 2012** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Secretary