

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 2, 2015

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Sharon Oberkrieser, Barb Sheldon, Kortney Dahm, Tracy Gehrke, Cindy Flauger, Sue Berndt, Kathy Huddleston, Joe Hameister, Kim Giles, Rob Paterson, Marie Boleman, Tim Gantz and Lisa Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beth Culp, Mary Wiatrowski, and Dorothy De Grace

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

1. **Approval of Minutes for the February 10, 2015 Meeting:** With no additions or corrections, Tracy Gehrke moved for approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting; seconded by Beth Culp and carried.

2. **Member Sharing:**

Sue Berndt is a family resource specialist for the Head Start program. They continue to take ongoing registrations for their program. There are still openings in the three-year-old and 4-K programs.

Kathy Huddleston is with the Oshkosh Area School District. They recently received a transition improvement grant. They celebrated their first Care Days at Oshkosh West High School and celebrated “abilities.” It was a great turnout!

Kortney Dahm is public health nurse with the City of Menasha. They are currently doing end of school year wrap up. She went through some youth mental health crisis training, since they will be doing a mental health focus using their new grant.

Joe Hameister is representing the Northeast Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

Sharon Oberkrieser represents the Down to Earth group for kids with special needs.

Kim Giles is a parent of a child with special needs. She said her son had a great time at the recent Care Days celebration.

Rob Paterson is a member of the Human Services Board.

Marie Boleman heads the children’s services at the Oshkosh Public Library. They recently kicked off the summer reading program. She had been busy visiting schools and having school children visit the library.

Barb Sheldon is representing the Winnebago County WIC program. She distributed their new outreach brochures. This summer they will convert to an e-WIC card instead of the paper checks they've used in the past; but checks will be used for clients to purchase produce from farmer's markets through this year. Barb said the Neenah WIC office will soon be co-located with the city of Neenah Public Health Department at the Human Services Building, 211 N. Commercial St.

Lisa Smith represents Child Care Resource & Referral. They received a grant to increase the number of parent cafes in the Oshkosh area—one this fall and one next year. The parent cafes are similar to the training they do for child care providers on the Strengthening Families curriculum. They are currently working on breast-feeding programs.

Tracy Gehrke is a public health nurse with the Winnebago County Public Health Department and she reported on the following: 1) they just finished their first school year doing a "wellness connected screening" to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Oshkosh. It is an "opt-in" screening to recognize those students who might be at risk of harming themselves and will be referred to a counselor; 2) she will be going to a breast feeding training event, and they will encouraging the training to families next year; 3) they started some pre-school activities for child care provider centers; 4) she will be attending an advisory committee meeting in Madison to discuss what they will work on during the next five years, such as adolescent health care issues; and 5) they continue to give vouchers for car seats to families that are income eligible.

Tim Gantz represents Neenah Public Schools. He said Neenah Joint School District recently hired someone to fill a newly created mental health coordinator position. The new coordinator will provide intervention, prevention and counseling services and be able to get kids and families connected to agencies that provide additional services.

### **3. Family Support Program Updates:**

- 2015 Statistics— Beth Culp said so far this year we've matched Family Support funds for 43 children to a federal waiver. Currently they are providing support to 50 children with Family Support dollars. \$103,196 has been allocated to families so far this year, and there is \$120,000 total available for the year.

### **4. 2015 Family Support Plan approval:**

Beth Culp distributed copies of the 2015 Family Support Plan for the committee's approval. There are no changes in the plan regarding how we determine eligibility; who we serve; how we prioritize; and how we function. Beth said the number of children we served decreased for 2014 due to a miscalculation regarding how much funding was available as it was used, which caused us to serve fewer children than anticipated. We estimate that we will serve at least 100 children during 2015.

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

- 2015 Stats – Cindy Flauger said that as of May 31 they had 154 children and families referred for service, compared to last year having 178 referrals through May. They have been receiving support from the state to look at families in more of a system approach and recognize the impact that trauma informed care and mental health has on children's development. She will coordinate with Public Health and Child Care Resource & Referral to do Child Find outreach at a training that they will be giving in February to child care providers.

Cindy shared that the Birth-to-Three delivery system has an obligation to have an inter-agency coordinating council which should include parent participation. They currently have seven or eight parents interested in understanding the Birth-to-Three system, learning what's happening at the local level and being a spokesperson for it. They are looking at doing outreach through a survey process.

**6. State Budget Proposal:**

Beth Culp said that Family Support as a funding program will likely go away, but the dollars won't. We anticipate that there will be some level of flexibility that is retained when it is converted into Children's COP (Community Options Program).

Beth said that ADRC's (Aging & Disability Resource Centers) will stay as is and not become privatized as was proposed in the Governor's budget. Another proposal was that Family Care would include more mental health related services, as well as members having a different choice in managed care systems.

**7. Cerebral Palsy Respite:**

The presenter was unable to attend today's meeting.

**8. Future Agenda Items and Changes in Next Meeting Dates:**

There was discussion regarding future presenters and meeting dates.

- 9. Next Meeting:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Family Support Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6, 2015** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Secretary