

**FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 14, 2011

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Neenah Human Services Building  
211 N. Commercial St., Neenah  
Conference Room #008

**PRESENT:** Beth Culp, Tracy Gehrke, Elizabeth Jones, Luann Rodriguez, Kara Van Vooren, and Dorothy De Grace

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Cindy Knaggs, Kelly Luaders, Rob Paterson, Jill Valdez, and Kathy Wagner

Beth Culp called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Elizabeth Jones moved for approval of the agenda as written; seconded by Luann Rodriguez and carried.
2. **Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2011 Meeting:** With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Elizabeth Jones moved for approval; seconded by Tracy Gehrke and carried.
3. **Member Sharing:**

Elizabeth Jones reported that the Walk for Autism was a huge success this year. There were about 2,000 participants compared to 1,400 last year. The money raised will help with genetic research for cognitive disabilities.

4. **Family Support Coordinator's Report:**

- 2011 Statistics – Beth Culp said we have allocated \$90,000 so far this year in Family Support dollars.

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

- 2011 Stats – Beth Culp referred to the Birth-to-Three referral statistics. She said the numbers have increased for 2011 thus far, which could be attributed to Child Find activities and other outreach. More children who are referred are found to be eligible for services. Kara Van Vooren said the Fox Valley Children's Mental Health Center has recently hired a counselor who will work with children under the age of six. Beth Culp said Birth-to-Three is just ending its consortium that we did with Dane County. We funded this as an opportunity to progress more in the direction of having a primary provider and have a coaching way of supporting the illness.

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Beth Culp said that instead of having up to five people coming in for therapy, the parents are coached to enhance the current family routines to help expedite emotional development. We met with everyone involved in Birth-to-Three from other counties a couple of weeks ago for a training based on social/emotional development.

### **6. Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) – Long Term Care:**

Beth Culp explained Family Support as a funding source. She said CLTS Waivers come from the federal government which pays for 60% of services. The other 40% can come from the state of Wisconsin as a match. The county-operated Family Support program consisting of state money could also be a match or it could be a stand-alone program covering \$3,000 per family for services. Beth pointed out that we can apply for as many local matches as we want. We also have the Community Options Program (COP) which is operated the same as Family Support with state money as a local match.

Beth said when we became Family Care we put some of the COP money into COP Children's Waiver. COP can be used for mental health services for adults or for matching children's services. Beth said people on a CLTS waiting list are waiting for the state match. The state is putting a cap on Family Care enrollment, and since we no longer pay for individuals over 18, the CLTS is the safety net while they wait for a slot to be opened and can go on Family Care or until they reach age 22. Beth pointed out that once a person is receiving federal money we can't make them wait for services. Families cannot pay a match for services—the only match sources are Family Support, County levy, COP and Child Welfare dollars.

### **7. Outreach Efforts:**

Beth Culp said we continue to do outreach to physicians, schools and providers.

### **8. Future Family Support Advisory Committee Meetings and Format:**

Beth Culp asked if someone would volunteer to be the chairperson to replace the previous chairperson who left the committee several months ago. Elizabeth Jones said she would be willing to fill that role.

### **9. Future Agenda Items:**

A suggestion for the next meeting is regarding the change in transportation mileage reimbursement via Logisticare.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Family Support Advisory Committee will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in **Room 002** of the Neenah Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy De Grace, Secretary