

Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Amy Stack, Wendy Hein, Tracy Gehrke, Linda Pierron, Pam De Lap

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Schneider (ABLE), Joyce Luckow (Paul Van Handel Memorial Foundation), Courtney Peterson, Vanessa Blanchette and Ruth (Power for Change)

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2019 Meeting:

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

2. Presenter- Power for Change:

Vanessa Blanchette, Courtney Peterson and Ruth represented Power for Change, an intensive in home counseling program. The clinic is based in Green Bay and has been in business for 9 years and in home therapy for the past 5 years. Their staff consists of therapists who specialize in AODA, Reactive Attachment Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorders. The therapy approaches include DBT, CBT, ACT, Exposure Therapy, EMDR, Brainspotting, Rational Emotive Therapy, Behavioral Therapy, psychosocial education, skills training and parenting education. They work in 2 person teams: a lead therapist and a co-therapist. The waiting list is very short right now. Therapy is up to 4 hours per week; 2 hours of family therapy, 1 hour individual therapy, and 1 hour parent therapy sessions. Clients are usually supported up about 12 months but can extend to 15, depending on the need and if insurance approves. They are able to see clients with Medicaid insurance, however clients with only private commercial insurance will have more difficulty getting service approved by their insurance. 99% of their clients are Medical Assistance clients. Authorizations are submitted under Health Check Other, a benefit under Medicaid. Each authorization is for 3 months.

3. Member Sharing:

Elizabeth Wagner announced that there will be a wheelchair wash on June 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm at J&R Auto Services parking lot, 629 N Main Street, Oshkosh.

Amy Stack is the parent of a daughter with Cerebral Palsy. She shared updates regarding Covey summer services. Services are located at the Methodist Church near South Park.

Amanda Schneider stated that ABLE is getting ready for summer. They signed a contract with Fond du Lac County. They will have programming Monday-Friday from 1:30-5:00pm and will have an Adventure Saturday on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This year you can choose which days you want to go to camp.

Joyce Luckow shared information on the Paul Van Handel Memorial Foundation. They offer financial support for the parents of any child with a disability who cannot be safely cared for in a typical daycare due to medical, physical, or behavioral needs. This is a new foundation that is continuing to finalize details on how funding will be provided.

Tracy Gehrke from the Winnebago Co. Health Department reported that the prenatal care coordination referrals are high - 90% acceptance rate. In 2019, they already provided the number of cribs they would in a full year, so they are in need of funding for cribs.

4. Children's COP and CLTS Program Updates:

- Service and Program Updates– CLTS is working through interpretation of new code descriptions and rate changes. More clarification from the Bureau of Children's Services is needed to proceed with all changes.
- Advocates for Healthy Transitional Living, which is located in De Pere, will be renting a location in Neenah to bring services closer to families. They will have more availability this summer, will offer a variety of services for children with various needs and will also be providing school services through local school districts that choose to contract with them.
- Kully's House is a medically based overnight respite provider that is not yet in operation and will be located in New London. They will also offer respite for siblings of children who are utilizing their services.
- Gaps in services include specialized child care early childhood and medical care.
- A resource center for children and youth, similar to the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) is being considered at a state level and has been brought to legislators.
- Waitlist Updates – 99 children have been enrolled in the past year. There are approximately 20 children on the waitlist. Caseloads are very high for the team so they are looking to contract with Lutheran Social Services in the next few months for 2 Service Coordinators to assist in bringing the CLTS waitlist to zero. Behavioral Health and Family Support (CLTS/CCOP) continue to work closely to ensure children referred are offered the appropriate supports and programs based on their needs and conditions.

5. Birth-to-Three Program Report:

- 2019 Stats – April was a busy month! Enrollment is up: 31 referrals, 17 new children added and 9 discharged, ending April with 134 enrolled. Early Intervention Program providers participated in a 2-day FAN (Facilitating Attuned

Interactions) training in April. The ultimate goal is strengthening the provider-parent relationship, resulting in parents who are attuned to their children and ready to try new ways of relating to them.

6. Behavioral Health:

- CCS/CST: No new updates at this time.

7. 2019 Focus Areas and Committee Role

- **Supported Decision Making:** Meeting May 30th as a state group to continue to discuss barriers to implementation throughout the state. Supported decision making is not being recognized in all instances, such as applying for public benefits. An authorized representative form is still required. This appears to be in contradiction to the purpose of Supported Decision Making. Education needs to continue on a variety of levels.
- **State of the Child Report:** Moving forward with piloting the Brooks database ASQ enterprise and will decide when to purchase a subscription. Continuing to discuss how to support those in the pilot with the additional work load and who will screen for what ages on an ongoing basis. Continuing to move forward with this large initiative and solidifying the process for the pilot.
- **Early Childhood Resolution:** The Fox Valley Early Childhood Coalition will be restructured to include other community members to assist in more influence and movement within the community to focus on early childhood. An in depth assessment is being done with an outside firm. Continual funding would allow this effort to move forward more smoothly as time is currently spent finding the grant dollars to work on this initiative. The current leadership team decided to rebrand with a new name and a new look and are recruiting more people of various backgrounds to join. The new name will be “First Five Fox Valley”.

- 8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Advisory Committee for Children’s Voluntary Services has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10th, 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: **December 10, 2019**.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Julienne Gohde, Recorder