

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Sharon Oberkrieser, Amy Stack, Kathy Schumacher, Linda Jones-Pierron, Amy Wilson, Pam DeLap, Tracy Gehrke, Amanda Schneider, Brittany Rewolinski, Bridgett Hammen, Erin Randall-Clark, Erin Kraft, Kara VanVooren

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner

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

1. Approval of Minutes for the February 14, 2017 Meeting:

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

2. Introduction of New Advisory Committee Member:

Will be carried over to next meeting due to a schedule conflict for new member.

3. Member Sharing:

Kathy Schumacher is a music therapist who owns Music Therapy Services, LLC and works with children and adults with special needs. Kathy shared that she just started a contract with Christian Community Daycare and also possibly Davis Childcare. Also shared that she is trying to get summer classes started. She will also work on an individual basis with families.

Brittany Rewolinski is with COVEY. She shared that there is currently a summer program with a 1:5 ratio that will be offered for ages 7-17 and shared a brochure. This takes place out at Winnebago County Park. This program starts June 5th and runs thru August 30, 2017.

Bridgett Hammen shared information about the "I Can Shine" bike camp that is offered. You can bring your children in, bikes will be provided and they can start out on a trainer bike

and work their way up at their own pace. This takes place of June 11, 2017 at Carl Traeger Elementary School.

Pam DeLap is a parent in Oshkosh. Previously this group talked about forming a focus group in regards to Supportive Decision Making resources rather than going directly to guardianship. The plan for forming this group is to include transition age youth prior to 18 years of age as well as those who have already turned 18 years, parents, attorney from Winnebago County, Aging & Disability Resource Center representative, a representative from this group (Children's COP), the special education director for this district, CESA 6 member, IRIS consultants, Lakeland consultants, family court representative, a judge, legislators. Please email Elizabeth Wagner for additional information on this group. Pam also shared that there was a rally at the capital recently in regards to concern and frustration with the potential Medicaid changes.

Linda Pierron is the Director of Special Education for the Oshkosh Area School District. She discussed the importance of having the parent perspective involved with the process of providing independent living skills and Supportive Decision Making in place for students so that the parents, the county, and the school district, are all working in the same direction. Other updates include creating programs on both sides of town to avoid extensive bussing times. Project Search looks like there will be 10-12 interns again next year. This is a collaborative program with Mercy Medical Center where 8 of the 12 interns are employed beyond Project Search at least 20 hours per week at more than competitive wage after their graduation in June.

Erin Randall-Clark is a parent with three children with vision impairments. Erin is working on advocating ideas for students with low vision and providing opportunities for orientation and mobility. She shared that Ford Company has created a Mobility City for low vision and blind children and is trying to bring this to the Oshkosh area. Some areas included are navigating crosswalks, stoplights, where a child can safely wait for bussing, which would benefit all children. There are 19 children in the district that have low vision as well as some legally blind students.

Erin Kraft is with Lutheran Social Services and oversees the in-home and community based programming here in Winnebago County. Currently they are serving four+ individuals.

Sharon Oberkrieser is parent of 12 year old boy with Downs Syndrome and facilitates the **Down to Earth Group** and also a member of Downs Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, Fox Valley Chapter.

Kara Van Vooren is from the Northeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). One event coming up is Interactive Care Mapping Session. Kara also shared that they have two position open at the center: one full time outreach specialist, one part time (.6) information and referral specialist.

Amy Wilson is the team leader with Early Intervention. She mentioned that in Birth to Three they use an eco-map during early visits with families.

Amy Stack has a daughter with Cerebral Palsy.

Tracy Gehrke is the public health nurse with Winnebago County. Focus is on early childhood. Hoping to get more involved with adolescent age. Looking for any ideas to support the funding for car seat program.

Amanda Schneider is a program director for a new company called ABLE. They have opened their location in Oshkosh and have recently begun their after-school programming. Their summer program will be starting in June. Families sign up through their service coordinators in most instances.

Barbara Sheldon is with the WIC program and shared the following updates: they are now using EBT for purchasing of WIC food; new application for smart phones; will be starting the farmers market check issuing, which is still in paper form; they will be issuing a cook book that features recipes and preparations for Wisconsin farmers market items; this year they also started a Fit Family Project which is an educational program for the 2-3 year old age group.

4. Children's COP Program Updates:

- 2017 Authorizations – Currently there are 23 children receiving CCOP Match and 8 children receiving the CCOP Pure funding. These numbers are lower due to a change in how authorizations are done. Instead of doing CCOP Match as an automatic funding source, county is the match source. The CCOP budget is used before county funds. Last year there was approximately \$600,000 in CCOP budget; \$50,000 of that went for the Pure funding and the balance is used as match funds or to cover the cost of assessments. There were 49 authorizations: 57% used for respite, 14% of those for supportive home care, 8% for case management, balance is used for adaptive equipment, consumer education and training, daily living skills.
- Gaps in Service – Family Mobile Team is used for current Child Welfare clients right now and hours of service are limited. For clients that are regularly in crisis mode, they will get support to de-escalate situations and develop skills to use. There are two staff that are contracted through PSG working on this team now. The hope is to expand this program.
- CCOP Plan – Received approval letter for the CCOP Plan that was done last October, 2016. This update will be done every year. The full plan will be done every five years. The state did come out with a draft of CCOP guidelines and are looking for feedback.

There was a letter sent out by the state in regards to the yearly review for the functional screen for those receiving Personal Care services through their Medicaid card. The state of Wisconsin has set up a contract with Liberty Health Care. They will be coming out as a 3rd party to complete the functional screen on a yearly basis for PCW clients. The same company providing the personal care services currently will be able to continue.

- Waiver Changes – New waiver was approved by CMS. They are combining the three waivers: physical disability target group, developmentally disability target group and the severe emotional disability target group. Nothing changes for the client but a letter was mailed out to families by the State. Health Check/EPSTDT is still something that will be transitioning from Waiver funding to being billed under Medicaid, however it is a slow process. There will be a state waitlist that will be starting but nothing until after joint finance approves the budget. The state will be overseeing provider qualifications in the future and will be setting the rates under the Waiver program that the provider will receive.
- Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash will be taking place Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Human Services parking lot in Oshkosh from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

- 2017 Stats – January there were 37 referrals, February averaged 31 referrals, March and April both averaged 42 referrals.
- There will be an onsite visit from the state team on August 18th which occurs every three years. Main focus is on social and emotional development and the support in that area. Another focus is support given to families with learning strategies that are used every day.
- Non-compliance through 2015 has been addressed and discussed with the state. Plan was made to ensure it would be corrected and time demands are met. Once a plan is made, services need to start in 30 days.
- Families that transition out at age three are asked to complete a survey. Responses were few. Now making phone calls directly to each family and then follow up with the written survey.
- Upcoming training for Routines Based Interview coming up on May 16, 2017.
- Using a new assessment tool for overall development and looking at effects of this.

6. **2017 Focus Areas and Committee Role:**

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Children’s COP Advisory Committee has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12, 2017** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in **Room 33** of the **Oshkosh Human Services Building**.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt