

**CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Linda Jones-Pierron, Tracey Gehrke, Brittany Rewolinski, Bridgett Hammen, Cindy Draws, Barbara Schmidt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Wagner, Pam Bartelt

Elizabeth Wagner called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 noon.  
Introductions were made.

**1. Approval of Minutes for the December 12, 2017 Meeting:**

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

**2. UMOS Presentation – Barbara Schmidt:**

Barbara shared an annual report from their corporate office, which is in Milwaukee. Some programs they offer include migrant and seasonal Headstart, disability related services, nutrition, and health and wellness, which is a main focus area. They also have received a new grant for Human Trafficking. Parents are always encouraged to be active in all the programs. They have many centers throughout Wisconsin. They offer a 'Jobs Program' which is connected with the local job services.

**3. Early Childhood Service Providers and State of the Child Report for Winnebago County – Cindy Draws:**

Cindy introduced herself and shared that she oversees Winnebago County Public Health, which provides support to community members from pregnancy through aging adults. Their agency receives referrals from providers, hospitals, and other community resources or agencies in order to identify needs of families. Resources and education are provided to families and individuals that are predominantly medical in nature. Cindy shared that they work with a tri-county coalition who have been collecting data to identify the key needs in the tri-county area. Winnebago County shows that the number of households with two parents is dropping in this area. Oshkosh has the lowest median income with 16% of households living in poverty and 7.2 % are without insurance. Safety at a

glance shows that CPS reports in this area are higher than the Wisconsin rate; infant mortality rate is highest in tri county area; pre-term birth rate is higher than Wisconsin rate and surrounding counties. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) scores are at 17%, which is higher than surrounding counties as well as Wisconsin. Third grade reading levels are lowest in the tri-county area. Cindy is hoping to connect with interested parties who can work together to better support families in our area by providing or developing resources that are available in the tri-county area. A “cheat” sheet was proposed as one option that can be regularly maintained with current phone numbers, contacts and criteria that needs to be met for various programs and services in the community including resources available through schools, county programs, health depts., service providers, medical staff, etc. Discussion was had on the need for a committee to address some of the above issues and focus on identifying and filling the gaps in the community.

#### **4. Member Sharing:**

Brittany Rewolinski and Bridgett Hammen from Covey shared the ‘I Can Shine Bike Camp’ is taking place June 11-15, 2018 at Tipler Middle School. There will 20 participants this year and if anyone is interested in volunteering they can contact Brittany. The camp is for children and adults with special needs who are interested in learning to ride a bike. The Covey after school program will be moving to the Wesleyan United Methodist Church on 761 Florida Avenue on January 2, 2018. There will be an open house on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. In addition they will be expanding to Appleton mid-2018 for Covey Kids and respite care for those 7-64 years of age. There are no parameters as to what area consumers come from. Discussion was had on transitioning from day care to another program that would be able to accommodate their needs.

Elizabeth Wagner shared that the Birth to Three referrals will be changing in 2018 and will now go through Valley Packaging as the entity. Birth to Three staff will attend a future CCOP meeting to share further details.

Tracy Gehrke from WC Health Department shared that the DOT Grant for car seats was approved for 2018. They will also be continuing with their breast feeding friendly child care initiative to help child care centers become ‘breast feeding friendly’ designated.

#### **5. Children’s COP Program Updates:**

- 2017 Authorizations and Services – Authorizations are set up differently now where county funds are used as a last resort for services after other options are used. Total amount of CCOP funding Winnebago County received for 2017 is \$633,350. \$16,000 of that amount is currently used for pure CCOP services, which is funding for those who are not eligible for the Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS) Waiver program, or who need a service that CLTS cannot fund. An additional \$10,000 is billed to assessment and plan. The rest of the \$633,350 is used as a match source for the CLTS Waiver program. When the CCOP funds are exhausted for the year, then County funds will be the match source.
- CCOP Plan – The annual update plan is due to the state by 12/15/2017. The annual update was shared with the members of the CCOP board. Some updates from the original 5 year plan include the creation of a waitlist for CLTS funding and how that has affected how the county uses the CCOP dollars. The committee members present had no suggestions on changes to make to the plan.
- Waiver Changes – A CLTS waitlist was started in 2017 in Winnebago County, which means that no children could be approved for CLTS funding until the State approved the waitlist plan.

Winnebago County began removing people from the waitlist, with approval from the State, which includes a per diem being awarded to the county in order to serve those coming off the waitlist. These funds were approved in the Governor's most recent budget. The per diem amount is \$978 for each child enrolled each month and this funding will continue to be provided to the county for those removed from the waitlist on an ongoing basis. Also, there is an additional allotment of \$73 each month provided by the state for each child coming off the waitlist to cover administrative costs. The plan is for Winnebago County to have no waitlist by the end of year 2018. Another change to the CLTS Waiver program is that we are now enrolling people in 'Forward Health' as of 12/4/2017, as ADRC's do for adult programs, rather than sending a packet of paperwork into the State to approve each child for CLTS Waiver funding.

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

- 2017 Stats – As of 2018, the New Birth-to-Three provider agency is 'Valley Packaging'. Amy Wilson, who was team leader for Goodwill, the agency that provided Birth to 3 services to Winnebago County residents for over 25 years, will continue on with Valley Packaging. Wendy Hein, currently with Valley Packaging, who has been the B-3 provider for Outagamie County for a number of years, will be taking the place of Cindy Flauger from Goodwill. Elizabeth shared a handout showing the average number of referrals received in 2017 and previous years for B-3. In 2007, the average number of referrals each month was 28.2 and in 2017, it had increased to 35.7 as an average.

**7. 2018 Focus Areas and Committee Role:**

- Supported Decision Making (SDM): Elizabeth shared an update that she is in communication with the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) to set up a local focus group to discuss this topic. SDM allows for further independence for those who may otherwise have a guardian. The goal is to share details of SDM with various individuals, such as judges, attorneys, doctors, schools, families, and county staff regarding alternate options for supporting and empowering someone to have control over decisions they are equipped to make and focusing only on areas that they may need assistance with, as opposed to moving to full guardianship. Once a date is confirmed, information will be shared with the group to attend and assist in moving this effort forward.

- 8. Proposed 2018 Meeting Dates:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the possibility of changing the time of the meeting while keeping the designated dates listed above the same. Members can share any comments with Elizabeth.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Recorder