

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, October 3, 2022

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Zoom)

Meeting Held via Zoom

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Baroni, Katie Berkedal, Gina Brown, Hetti Brown, Michelle Burkhardt, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carla Lundeen, Vie Matty, Jenni Moris, Jason Witt, Elizabeth Wright, Tita Yutuc

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Seefeld (La Crosse County ISRS Crisis Program Supervisor)

Avrie Schott (City of La Crosse Police Department)

Dawn Kay (Catholic Charities)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tita Yutuc and Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the September 12, 2022 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HS Director Update: Jason Witt shared that he attended the Wisconsin Counties Association annual conference and co-presented with Emily Coddington, Associate Director, Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies. They addressed issues impacting Human Services not just across the state but also in this community. One of the issues was youth in care at the residential level with complex needs and the decreased ability to serve these youth, resulting in their care being provided out of state. Another issue was the Federal Families First Prevention Services Act impacting child welfare agencies across the state. Their discussion focused on the challenges, opportunities, and upstream services that are happening locally and statewide.

HHS Board Update: Michael Baroni shared that a consultant is assisting with evaluating options presented to the board regarding the ARPA money for childcare.

PRESENTATION ON LA CROSSE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION & CITY OF LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM

Sam Seefeld and Captain Avrie Schott shared a PowerPoint with the group that can be found here:

https://lacrossecounty.org/docs/default-source/human-services/fpb-10-03-2022_co-response-pilot-project-ppt.pdf

The plan is to expand the program hours to 12:00-7:30pm. This would mean adding another social worker, co-responder, and officer to the program. Presentations are being shared with surrounding jurisdictions and the hope is for the program to go county-wide.

POTENTIAL CHILD CARE UPDATE

None at this time

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine Kolkmeier shared that the Rebuilding for Learning Summit is on Friday, November 4th from 8:00am-3:30pm. It will be in person this year and more details will be coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, AT NOON

Vice-Chair Brown needed to leave the meeting at approximately 12:50pm. In her absence, Human Services Director Jason Witt adjourned the meeting at 12:54 pm.

Approved November 7, 2022, Connie Bublitz, Recorder