La Crosse Area Family Policy Board

“Systems and providers aligned for better outcomes”

Monthly Meeting
December 2nd, 2019
Family Policy Board:

2020 Human Services Budget Highlights

December 2nd, 2019
Discussion Outline

I. Community Needs Backdrop of the 2020 Request

II. 2020 Budget Highlights

III. Other Issues to Watch in Coming Year
I. Community Needs Backdrop of the 2020 Budget Request

- Impact of *drug epidemic* across our service areas
- Cases with increasingly *complex mental health* and basic need factors
- Increasingly involved in *issues involving dementia*
II. 2020 Budget Highlights
2020 Budget

1. Staying Within Limits
   2019 Levy: $13.5 Mil
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   Additional State funding boost for Child Protective Services: $700K+ Impact

2. Increasing Capacity to Respond to Community Challenges
Moving Forward

1. Targeted Response for Families Suffering from Drug Addiction
   New Resources to Implement Family Drug Treatment Court (Treatment Court Coordinator)

2. Flipping the System

3. Increasing Service Access
La Crosse County Child Protective Services:

- Approximately 50 percent of children in out-of-home care have been in care 15 months or more
- In 2018, Over 50 percent of children entering out-of-home care were under 5 years-old
- Many of the above cases are drug involved (Wisconsin Department of Children and Families estimates that more than 80 percent of open CPS cases are either driven or complicated by drug and alcohol abuse.)
a. Family Treatment Courts

*Treatment works, but only if those who need it get the support and motivation needed to enter the doors in the first place.*

Meth and Child Welfare: Promising Solutions for Children, Their Parents and Grandparents (Page 24)

*“Family drug courts are among the most effective programs for inducing parents to enter and complete substance abuse treatment, improving other outcomes and savings public funds.”* Child Welfare Opiate Engagement Project (Sep. 2014, p. 2).
Promising Child Welfare Practices

In the age of opioids and meth

a. Family Treatment Courts

What they do

- Concentrate on meeting the treatment and recovery needs of parents
- Bring together stakeholders into a coordinated process (judges, lawyers, substance abuse treatment professionals and child protection agencies)
- Intensive and supportive check-ins and benchmarks

What it takes

- A funded coordinator position to:
  - bring together local stakeholders
  - facilitate the development of processes
  - coordinate what are mostly existing resources.

Encouraging results

- Higher treatment completion rates, fewer days in out-of-home care, higher family reunification rates, and cost savings for agencies
- Children in Florida’s Family Treatment Court reached permanency on average 143 days faster
- $13,104 savings per family in Marion County, Oregon
Promising Child Welfare Practices

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For an example of this approach and more information:

Safe Babies Court Team™

https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/safe-babies-court-team
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Promising Child Welfare Practices

La Crosse County Child Protective Services:

2018 Referrals
(1,123)

First Time Referrals
261 (23%)

Second or More Time Referrals
862 (77%)

1.5 New FTE Social Worker Positions under the Programs & Prevention Supervisor (Isaac Hoffman) will provide intense and flexible case management, service connections similar to, and connected with the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative
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   Increase Case Management and Intake Capacity (Additional CCS & Intake Workers)
La Crosse County Integrated Support & Recovery Services:
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Enrollment

![Graph showing CCS enrollment from 2016 to 2019 for La Crosse and WRIC services. The data points are as follows:
- 2016: La Crosse = 261, WRIC = 397
- 2017: La Crosse = 300, WRIC = 420
- 2018: La Crosse = 335, WRIC = 450
- 2019: La Crosse = 397, WRIC = 500]
III. Other Issues to Watch in 2020

- Crisis Services
- Youth Justice
- Human Services Evolution
Calendar Year 2020

An Exciting Year of Opportunity

- Workplace Wellness
- Common Approach to Service
- Integrated Programs
Trauma Responsive Agency
All Department “Kick-Off”

January 8th, 2020
From

OLD/CURRENT BEHAVIOR

DISORDER & CONFUSION  ISOLATION

NEW BEHAVIOR

ALIGNMENT  COLLECTIVE IMPACT

to
The best way to predict your future is to create it.

-Abraham Lincoln
Thanks!
Family Policy Board Data Dashboard

Indicators

**Child Protection & Well Being**
1. Child Welfare Referrals
2. Child Welfare Re-Referrals
3. Families Served with Home Visiting Model
4. Child Care Providers

**Juvenile Justice & “At-Risk” Youth**
1. Juvenile Justice Referrals (by race)
2. Juvenile Detentions (by race)

**Mental Health & Substance Abuse**
1. MH related ER Visits
2. SA related ER Visits
3. Children’s Wavier Waitlist
4. CCS Recipients
5. Emerg Detentions

**Income Supports & Basic Needs**
1. FoodShare Recipients
2. MA Recipients
3. FSET Job Placements
4. Poverty Rate

Discussion Questions

1. What data does your agency collect and how is it used to drive decisions or improve outcomes?
2. Are there other relevant data measures FPB members have access to and would like to contribute for the dashboard?
3. Are there other ways FBP members would like to collaborate to make the most effective use out of available data?
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Thank You!