

## **FAMILY POLICY BOARD**

Monday, October 7th, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (option to meet in person or via Microsoft Teams)

12:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kristi Arenz, Karolee Behringer, Mike Baroni, Gina Brown, Hetti Brown, Liz Evans, Amanda Holmgaard, Ann Kappauf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carla Lundeen, Emily Meyer, Jeanne Meyer, Joan Parke, Mary Rohrer, Eric Sanford, Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member

## **GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT**

None.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mary Rohrer and Jeanne Meyer to approve the September 9th minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES**

**HHS Board Update:** Mike Baroni shared that the La Crosse County Board approved a resolution to advocate for larger investment into Mental Health Resources by the State as part of the 2025-27 Biennial Budget.

**HS Director Update:** Jason Witt shared some more detail regarding the resolution referenced by Mike Baroni and highlighted the challenges faced by counties due to rising costs and stagnant State investment.

## **Family Policy Board Legislative Advocacy Schedule: Wisconsin 2025-27 Biennial Budget**

[Powerpoint.](#)

## **Discussion of Potential Policy & Themes**

## **AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-New Horizons: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Purple ribbons are hung along Main St.

-Family & Children's Center: Fully moved into new location on 811 W Monitor St, La Crosse after 20 years of being on Main St. Open house to be held in December. The Bridges to Better Tomorrows Event is October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30pm at Celebrations on the River.

-Reach Center is celebrating their third anniversary in October. Thursday the City Council is considering a new ordinance for zoning which may allow the Reach Center's zoning application to be reviewed in November.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, AT NOON.**

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:48pm.

**Approved** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Rebecca Ray, Recorder