

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, November 4, 2024

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

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristi Arenz, Laquita Becker, Karolee Behringer, Sandy Brekke, Hetti Brown, Liz Evans, Amanda Holmgaard, Ann Kappauf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Carla Lundeen, Dillon Mader, Joan Parke, Madeline Peltier, Mary Rohrer, Eric Sanford, Anna Stindt, Stephany Stordahl, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, Tita Yutuc, BACA Member.

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Alicia Place (La Crosse School District)

Joli Guenther (Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Youth)

Rodd Monts (SchoolHouse Connection)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetti Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mary Rohrer and Tita Yutuc to approve the October 7th, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Dillon Mader shared that the Civilian Review Board has been appointed and is tasked with building trust between law enforcement and community members. This month the group looks at process development when concerns arise. Hillview has broken ground on their project. The ADRC 2025-2027 aging plan has been approved which sets priorities and goals for the next 3 years. Public comment and the final votes for the County budget is on November 12th; Human Services has proposed as expansion of the Pathways Unit, with 3 additional staff-members, and we're proposing an additional 100k contribution to REACH for general use.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt shared that legislation authorizing psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs) for youth in Wisconsin is expected to be introduced in the Legislature early next session.

PANEL DISCUSSION: Unaccompanied Youth

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

-LADCO had annual meeting last week; keynote speaker Lucas Heerro gave an inspiring speech. HyVee was selected as business of the year because of working with youth & those with cognitive disabilities. Lucas is available to speak to groups.

-Family & Children's Center is hosting an open house Thursday, December 5th 2-5pm & December 6th 7:30-10:30am.

-The Good Fight Community Center is hosting open house on December 7th with a community book swap from 10am-noon.

-Rebuilding for Learning seminar hosted by La Crosse School District, Kristi Arenz was very informative.

-The Good Fight Community Center hosts BACA's meeting on the second Sunday of every month.

-The REACH Center celebrated their 3rd anniversary last week; impact report is available on REACH Center website.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024, AT NOON.

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm.

Approved December 2, 2024, Rebecca Ray, Recorder