

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, September 9, 2024

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

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laquita Becker, Hetti Brown, Liz Evans, Amanda Holmgaard, Ann Kappauf, Carla Lundeen, Mike Baroni, Vie Matty, Emily Meyer, Jeanne Meyer, Anna Stindt, Stephany Stordahl, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Carrie Werkheiser, Jodi Widuch, Jason Witt, Sandy Brekke

GUESTS/OTHERS PRESENT

Marilyn Huckenpoehler, Executive Director, the Parenting Place

Michael Scott, Primary Prevention Department Director, the Parenting Place

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Liz Evans and Ann Kappauf to approve the August 5th, 2024, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Director Update: Jason Witt provided an update on the upcoming Pathways Home specialized housing initiatives. The City of La Crosse has recently released an RFP tied to the initiative. Responses are due September 27th.

HHS Board Update: Mike Baroni, filling in for Dillon Mader, shared updates on the approved bids for the Hillview project and October 2nd groundbreaking event. The County Board approved the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan as well as the County strategic plan, both of which can be found online.

Parent Café Program Report Out

Presented by Jodi Widuch, Marilyn Huckenpoehler, Michael Scott, and Bridget Todd-Robbins.

[Parent Cafes Impact-Spring 2024](#)

AGENCY CHECK-INS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

-New horizons is hosting the third annual Dare for Self-Care event at the Hmong Cultural & Community Center October 5th from 12-4.

-Big Brothers Big Sisters has a donation night with Toppers this evening from 4-9pm; 25% of proceeds goes to BBBS. They have also received a federal grant to host a youth event and are gathering information on what to include.

-REACH Center: The Total Navigation Team works collaboratively and effectively to provide 'just in time' services to those experiencing housing insecurity. After receiving a \$50,000 grant last year from 'Giving Tuesday' 74 households received services, and as of August, 73 of those are still housed.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, October 7, 2024, AT NOON.

Chairperson Hetti Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:49pm

Approved October 7th, 2024. Rebecca Ray, Recorder