

FAMILY POLICY BOARD

Monday, December 2, 2019

Health & Human Services Building – Basement Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tita Yutuc, Kristi Arenz, Sue Mathison, Heather Quackenboss, Teresa Pierce, Tracy Puent, Jenni Logging, Ann Kappauf, Heidi Odegaard, Megan DeVore, Jane Klekamp, Lisa Duncanson, Mary Kay Wolf, Catherine Kolkmeier, Chris Crye, Elizabeth Wright, Jason Witt, Sharon Hampson, Jodi Widuch, Vie Matty, Barbara McPeak, Bridget Todd-Robbins, Karolee Behringer, Hetti Brown, Jake Erickson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tita Yutuc called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sharon Hampson and Catherine Kolkmeier to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND BOARD UPDATES

HHS Board Update: Sharon Hampson

At the last board meeting they learned about Trauma Informed Care and resilience. \$60,000 was budgeted towards an assessment of nitrate contamination in wells in the towns of Onalaska and Holland.

HS Director Update: Jason Witt

Sam Seefeld will be transitioning to the role of Supervisor in the Crisis Unit from his current position as a Clinical Therapist in Integrated Support and Recovery Services.

Family and Children's Section Update: Tracy Puent

There has been an uptick in referrals to the Initial Unit of Family and Children's Services. Currently they have 9 open assessments for newborns 7 of which were born drug addicted.

2020 HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – Jason Witt

- Community Needs Backdrop of the 2020 Request:
 - The drug epidemic has had an impact across all our service areas
 - We have cases with increasingly complex mental health and basic needs factors
 - We are increasingly involved in issues involving dementia
- 2020 Budget Highlights
 - We have additional funding from the state for Child Protective Services
 - Moving forward there will be more targeted responses for families suffering from drug addiction, increased resources to serve families who have been screened *out* of Child Protective Services, and increased case management and intake capacity related to substance abuse services
- Other Issues to Watch in the Coming Year
 - Increased focus on workplace wellness, having a common approach to services, and integrating our programs
 - Trauma Informed Care will be the foundation of a common approach to services

DATA DASHBOARD – SMALL GROUP BREAK OUT DISCUSSION

It is the intent of the Family Policy Board to be considering available data and data trends and to use them to drive our planning and advocacy efforts. The board divided into small groups to discuss what data is available and useful.

Questions following the small group discussions:

Could we have the group in charge of data collection come in and speak?

Could we have more data on permanency referrals to see the full process, not just entry into the system?

Could we have more data on racial and ethnic disparities in services?

Could we see trends and patterns versus just hard numbers?

The Health Department has a lot of data and will be adding a dashboard to their website.

ADJOURNMENT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY, January 6, 2020, AT NOON

Chairperson Tita Yutuc adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Approved January 6, 2020, Rachel Klistai, Recorder