

**OPEN MEETING - MINUTES**  
**Waukesha County Health and Human Services**  
**Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)**  
**November 16, 2023**

**Present CAFSAC Members:** Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Elevate, Inc. (Jessica Warden), Parent's Place, Inc. (Ann-Marie St John), Prohealth Care, Inc. (Colleen Allen), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahon (Chair)), School District of Waukesha (Marc Lehnerer), The Women's Center (Jessica Trauth (Vice Chair)), Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin (Dua Vang-Ramirez), Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (Mary Sweeney)

**Absent CAFSAC Members:** Catholic Charities (Sarah Matson), Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families (Lindsey Wilson), Family Service (Laura Cherone), Michelle Huebschen, Darlene Johnson

**HHS Board Liaison:**

**HHS Staff Liaison:** Eve Altizer

**Guests:** Sarah Bloomquist, Nancy Doucette Wilkinson, Jessica Hannaman, Mark Mertens

**1. Call to Order**

Chair McMahon called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Allen arrived at 8:34 a.m.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Vang-Ramirez moved, second by Lehnerer, to approve CAFSAC minutes of October 19, 2023. Motion passed without a negative vote.

**3. Perinatal Mental Health Needs Presentation – Sarah Bloomquist, Mom's Mental Health Initiative**

Sarah Bloomquist displayed and presented a PowerPoint titled "Mom's Mental Health Initiative".

For additional information, go to: [www.momsmentalhealthmke.org](http://www.momsmentalhealthmke.org) or email [info@mmhimke.org](mailto:info@mmhimke.org).

**4. Committee Business**

**a. Speakers Update**

Attendees discussed suggestions for future speakers and educational presentations.

Some of the topics included:

- LSS presentation on Birth to Three updates
- LOTUS Legal Clinic partnered with The Women's Center for a presentation on trafficking
- Additional housing resources from the private sector
- NAMI
- Hebron House – Youth Navigator presentation
- Wisconsin Works (W-2)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Resiliency Center
- Student mental health services overview from School District of Waukesha
- Speak Up Speak Out program
- Hope Center
- Heroin Taskforce updates, specifically on stigma reduction

Attendees had a brief discussion to begin brainstorming topics for the Critical Needs presentation to the HHS Board. Some of the topics included:

- Safe and affordable housing
- Substance abuse services for adolescents and adults
- Mental health services
- Transportation

**5. Committee and Organization Updates**

**a. HHS Board Liaison**

There were no HHS Board Liaison updates.

**b. HHS Staff Liaison**

The 2024 Waukesha County budget has passed.

HHS contracted agencies should be receiving 2024 program agreements soon.

Judge Horlacher is interested in touring agencies that serve youth and families in Waukesha County. Agency suggestions from attendees included Norris, Parent's Place, Care Center, and Hope Center.

**c. Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee**

There were no Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee updates.

**d. Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)**

The November MHAC meeting was joint with CCS and discussed speakers for 2024 revolving around the topics of housing, substance use disorders, and resources for individuals with disabilities.

**e. Public Health Advisory Committee**

There were no Public Health Advisory Committee updates.

**f. Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC)**

There were no SUAC updates.

**g. Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)**

There were no CCOP updates.

**h. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)**

The satisfaction survey collection has wrapped up. The surveys were distributed to all CCS and CST youth and caregivers with an estimated 50% return rate.

CCS and CST staff are participating in a Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) collaborative. The purpose is to improve collaboration with Child Protective Services (CPS), Youth Justice, and mental health programs to better meet the family's needs.

**i. Coordinated Services Team (CST) Update**

The 2024 CST workplan was submitted and finalized with the State.

On November 3, CST staff members presented on youth services and resources at the Juvenile Court Attorneys and Partners Training.

The CST team is partnering with Froedtert Health and local health departments to create a presentation on mental health careers and mental health wellness for local school districts.

**6. Agency Updates/Announcements**

St John from Parent's Place distributed and reviewed a brochure and flyers for Fall 2023 Community Education programs and classes. For more information, call 262-549-5575 or email [info@parentsplacewi.org](mailto:info@parentsplacewi.org).

Vang-Ramirez from Variety shared and reviewed a flyer regarding the Chatter Matters Communication Camp. Applications to attend are now being accepted. For more information, call 262-472-1301 or email [chattermatters@uww.edu](mailto:chattermatters@uww.edu).

The Women's Center is participating in a rapid rehousing program in which applicants must go through coordinated entry to be accepted due to being a HUD program. The amount of financial assistance available is dependent on the individual or family's needs. Compassion resilience training is available for professionals with options for parents and caregivers. The training sessions are 6 or 10-weeks long and can be done virtually. For additional information or to find out about support groups or workshops being offered, call the hotline at 262-542-3828 or go to <https://twcwaukesha.org/>.

**7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- No meeting in December
- Continue to brainstorm topics for the Critical Needs presentation

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion: Allen moved, second by Trauth, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.*

Minutes Were Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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