

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
January 21, 2021

Present CAFSAC Members: Colleen Allen, Laura Cherone, Darlene Johnson, Lindsay Just, Sarah Matson, Maura McMahon, Raquel Mehring, Renee Ramirez, Mary Adele Revoy (Chair), Mary Sweeney, Jessica Trauth, Dua Vang-Ramirez

Absent CAFSAC Members: Kristin Agenten, Rob Jadrnicek, Luke Pinion, Karen Villarreal (Vice Chair)

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

HHS Staff Liaisons: Kathy Mullooly, Ron Pupp

Guests: Danielle Birdeau, Jessica Hannaman, Amanda Huber, Janelle McClain, Jaime Dobner (proxy for Luke Pinion), Sarah Pfeiffle, Vickie Smith

1. Call to Order

Chair Revoy called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Johnson moved, second by Ramirez, to approve CAFSAC minutes of November 19, 2020. Motion passed without a negative vote.

McMahon arrived at 8:36 a.m.

3. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Staff Liaison

Pupp provided an update regarding the COVID-19 vaccine roll out.

With 45% of the Wisconsin population in Phases 1a (essential medical workers and long-term care staff and residences) and 1b (not fully defined yet, but includes essential public facing workers such as police, fire, and teachers, as well as those aged 65 and older) of the rollout, there are resource limitations. Staff are working nights and weekends to ensure the process is smooth and thorough for all parties.

There is a 4-level plan in place in Waukesha County to progress to full-scale mass clinics, but levels have not been finalized, as they depend on the resources available. Currently, Waukesha County is in level 1 – matching hospital-group-unaffiliated healthcare providers with healthcare vaccinators, and vaccinating law enforcement and fire department personnel.

Waukesha County Public Health applied to be a vaccinator in November and received approval last week. The first round of vaccines has been ordered.

A survey is available on the Waukesha County vaccine webpage for anyone interested in becoming a vaccinator. There is additional vaccine information available on the website as well - <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/PublicHealth/public-health-preparedness/COVID19/covid-vaccine/>.

Pupp reminded attendees that if vaccine invitations are sent to someone, the invitation should

not be forwarded to family and friends. The invitation is a first-come-first-served basis, so if a family or friend utilizes the invitation first, the intended recipient cannot.

Due to county interpretations and populations, different counties may be at different points of vaccine implementation. For example, northern Wisconsin was already through Phase 1a and giving vaccines to 65+ population 2 weeks ago.

Trauth arrived at 8:57 a.m.

Pupp acknowledged the great collaboration with all departments at the county.

Any vaccine-related inquiries should contact: covidvaccine@waukeshacounty.gov.

b. HHS Board Liaison

The new HHS Director, Elizabeth (Liz) Aldred, will be starting next Monday.

HHS Board will not be meeting again until March.

4. Committee Business

a. Continue Discussion of Agenda Items for 2021

At this time, the agenda items are set for February and March.

b. Recruiting a Consumer Representative Member

There was no discussion on this topic.

c. Discussion of Critical Needs for Children and Family in Waukesha County

Revo discussed the *2020 Annual Report from Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health*.

Attendees discussed local resources for youth with mental health needs. Birdeau commented that the caregivers of the youth are also important and need support. NAMI of Southeast Wisconsin and Waukesha County HHS have created a helpful website with local resource information: Mentalhealthconnection.life

Dobner left at 9:20 a.m.

Last year's presentation focused on the Family First Prevention Services Act. A survey had been distributed to collect information on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on county agencies. Mullooly suggested that, like last year, a survey is distributed to committee members to determine their needs for the presentation. Smith added that the committee and HHS should discuss how the Family First Prevention Services Act will affect community providers and any limitations that the providers may have.

5. Updates on Family First Prevention Services Act – Vickie Smith / All

There were no additional updates on this topic.

6. School Updates

Dobner provided the following information via Teams chat prior to leaving the meeting today: Last week, the School District of Waukesha (SDW) School Board approved for the secondary schools (grades 6-12) resume attending face-to-face every day beginning second semester. Currently, SDW has been utilizing a cohort model. Teachers will continue to live stream classes so that students will have the option to participate virtually full time if that is preferred.

McMahon has seen an increase in truancy cases; however, many of the students that had attendance issues in the past have been doing much better with virtual attendance.

McMahon expressed gratitude toward the SDW and Pinion for providing additional books from the school libraries to the jail for 17-21-year olds.

7. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Staff Liaison Continued

Mullooly reported that several staff are continuing to work remote and come in the office only if they need to access certain resources such as the printer.

Many members of the public are having to apply for Economic Support services that have not had to go through the process before. Economic Support staff have been receiving numerous compliments on the customer service that has been provided to them.

The State has suspended some of the Economic Support services requirements, allowing the public to access services quicker, as well as increasing FoodShare allowances.

Many HHS staff have been involved in the pandemic efforts with Public Health.

There has been an increase in Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals lately, but many have had great outcomes with a reduction in the number of months that children are in out-of-home care. Social workers are focusing on what is important with the families and being creative in how they do so.

8. Agency Updates/Announcements

The Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic will be switching the name and branding to Community Smiles Dental next week. They will be offering the same services. The Waukesha clinic is operating at pre-COVID volume.

Addiction Resource Council (ARC) is working with Vivant Health to provide a space to be utilized as a syringe exchange location. This should be implemented soon.

NAMI Waukesha has merged with NAMI Greater Milwaukee and is serving Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson Counties under the name NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. The services that were offered in Waukesha will not change; however, services will be expanded in Milwaukee County. A new website will be rolled out in February; however, the current e-mail addresses and websites will still funnel to the new site.

NAMI is continuing to hold classes virtually. The NAMI Basics class will be offered again, starting on February 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a 6-week virtual education course for parents of children with mental health or behavior challenges. The child does not need to have a diagnosis. The class is open to anyone to join and is free of charge. Interested parties can visit <https://www.namiwaukesha.org/nami-basics> for registration information.

Parent's Place is continuing the Community Education Programming on a virtual platform. The Community Response Program is being expanded until June to allow families to receive support and education. Interested parties can contact Mehring to register.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- COVID/Vaccine Updates as part of HHS Staff Liaison report
- Critical Needs Presentation

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjourn

Motion: Johnson moved, second by McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes were approved on February 18, 2021.