

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
April 20, 2023

Present CAFSAC Members: Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), Elevate, Inc. (Mary Adele Revoy (Chair)), Easterseals Safe Babies Healthy Families (Karen Villarreal), Family Service (Faith Holley-Beal), Michelle Huebschen, Darlene Johnson, Parent's Place, Inc. (Nancy Doucette Wilkinson), Prohealth Care, Inc. (Colleen Allen), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahon), 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), School District of Waukesha (Marc Lehnerer)

HHS Board Liaison: Bob Menefee

HHS Staff Liaison: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Chloe Bingenheimer, Teresa Cocker, Jessica Hannaman, Mark Mertens

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 Villarreal, to approve CAFSAC minutes of March 16, 2023. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Critical Needs Update

Revoy displayed and presented a PowerPoint titled "Children and Families Services Advisory Committee DHHS Board Presentation, April 27, 2023".

McMahon arrived at 8:53 a.m.

Attendees reviewed and discussed the Critical Needs PowerPoint for the presentation being held on April 27.

b. Membership Update

There were no Membership updates.

c. Speakers Update

- May – Hebron Housing Services presentation
- June – Housing Action Coalition
- July – American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Award Updates
- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Presentation (Pupp to reach out to United Way for a presenter)

d. Coordinated Services Team (CST) Update

Pupp provided an update from the March CST meeting. The meeting focused on a discussion of goals for the committee. One of the goals is to have additional trainings for parents, including a collaboration training with Addiction Resource Council (ARC).

4. **Committee and Organization Updates**

a. **HHS Board Liaison**

There were no HHS Board Liaison updates.

b. **HHS Staff Liaison**

Pupp shared that HHS staff have been reviewing ARPA applications. Emails are being sent today to those applicants who were awarded funds. The public award announcements will be coming soon.

Nevisosi announced that ARPA funds are being used to build resources for youth with complex needs and adding additional providers. HHS is looking to add treatment foster care agencies to serve youth with aggressive behaviors, on the autism spectrum, or problematic sexual behaviors. When youth are being placed outside of the home, approximately 50% of the time the youth can go to a relative caregiver, however, youth aged twelve and older and those with complex needs are harder to place.

Members of HHS staff participated in Human Services Day where they met with legislators to advocate for funding for:

- Birth to Three
- Mental health services for crisis intervention
- Community Support Programs
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) funding
- Transportation for older adults

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

There were no Aging & Disability Resource Advisory Committee updates.

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

Brost provided an update from the April MHAC meeting. The focus was on the critical needs presentation. The main topics for the MHAC presentation are transportation needs, peer support specialists, and housing.

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 CCS goal for 2023 is to serve 150 youth. CCS is close to having fully staffed teams and is on pace to reach their goal.

5. **Agency Updates/Announcements**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Family Strengthening month. The Women's Center has released Public Service Announcements on social media to encourage community members to seek out support.

Variety is partnering with Marquette University's Occupational Therapy Department to provide a series of mental health support workshops for caregivers. The workshops are for parents to learn how to address mental health wellness while the youth work with occupational therapists on fine motor skills and sensory activities. The workshops will be held at the Brookfield Sports Complex every Wednesday from May 31 to August 2. More information to come soon.

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

- Hebron House presentation in May
- Housing Action Coalition presentation in June

7. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjourn**

Motion: Trauth moved, second by Villarreal, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved: Maydels J. Revoy Date: 5/18/23