

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Children and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC)
September 16, 2021

Present CAFSAC Members: Colleen Allen, Laura Cherone, Sarah Matson, Maura McMahon, Holly Neubert, Luke Pinion, Mary Adele Revoy (Chair), Mary Sweeney, Jessica Trauth (Vice Chair), Dua Vang-Ramirez, Karen Villarreal

Absent CAFSAC Members: Kristin Agenten, Rob Jadrnicek, Darlene Johnson, Raquel Mehring, Renee Ramirez

HHS Board Liaison:

HHS Staff Liaisons: Penny Nevicosi, Ron Pupp

Guests: Sara Barron, Jessica Hannaman, Heather Heard

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: Villarreal moved, second by Allen, to approve CAFSAC minutes of July 15, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Continue Discussion of Agenda Items for 2021 and 2022

- October: Domestic Violence Awareness month updates presented by Trauth
- November: Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin updates presented by Vang-Ramirez
- No meeting in December
- January: School District of Waukesha (SDW) updates presented by Pinion
- February: Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) survey and presentation presented by Pupp
- Spring 2022: review the Needs Presentation for the Board

b. Recruiting a Consumer Representative Member

There has been no progress obtaining a Consumer Representative for the committee yet.

Matson and Cherone arrived at 8:38 a.m.

4. Easterseals Program Overview – Karen Villarreal, Safe Babies Healthy Families Manager

Villarreal displayed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled “Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin.”

Trauth arrived at 8:41 a.m. McMahon arrived at 8:43 a.m.

5. Committee and Organization Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There were no Board Liaison updates.

b. HHS Staff Liaison

Pupp announced that the Juvenile Center will be closing on Friday October 1. Any Waukesha County youth needing to be held in secured detention will be placed in a neighboring county detention facility. Waukesha County is currently contracted with Washington County and is finalizing the contracts with Racine, Rock, and Dane Counties.

There are currently 38 youth enrolled in the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program. In order to expand this program, the goal is to hire additional staff in the role of a Service Facilitator with their focus to be strictly on mental health. Each Service Facilitator would have a caseload of about 15 each. The Clinical Division provides CCS services to adults whereas the Adolescent and Family Division provides CCS services to youth. In 2022, the focus will be on the expansion of services for teenagers.

Eve Altizer will be taking over as CCS Coordinator as of September 27.

c. Schools

The School District of Waukesha (SDW) has been awarded the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) school-based mental health provider grant. This grant will help fund the partnership with Family Service to provide a Mental Health Navigator for the eAchieve and LatinX students.

SDW also received United Way grant funds to provide for additional Mental Health Navigators to support the schools.

SDW continues to work through COVID mitigation while also keeping the focus on the students.

6. Agency Updates/Announcements

Attendees discussed the mask and in-person policies and concerns at their agencies.

McMahon left at 9:50 a.m.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Trauth to present on Domestic Violence Awareness month updates


8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hannaman.

Minutes Were Approved:  Date: 10/21/21