

FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—December 13, 2010

Present were: Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Gail Olson, Consumer; Jennifer Zeleske, Community Response Social Worker; Renee Peters, Birth-Three Coordinator; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Nancy Scolley, Parent; James A Warriner, CCS Consumer; Vanessa Schultz, DHHS DD/LTC Coordinator; Mark Podoll, Green Lake County Sheriff; Jessica Krueger, DHHS C & FS Student Intern; Molly Spaulding, U.W. Extension; Brenda Nitzke, Parent; Kathy Munsey, DHHS Health Unit Manager

Certification of Open Meeting Law: The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Sommerfeldt.

There was no quorum due to weather, so no motions, just discussion.

Appearances/Introductions: Introductions of members were made. Nancy Scolley, parent and Jessica Krueger, DHHS Children & Family Services Student Intern were present at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Action on Minutes: The minutes were reviewed.

Correspondence: None.

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:

Family Support:

Schultz reported that she received the amount for 2010 service year which includes carryover from 2009. Families have submitted claims for reimbursement.

Schultz reported that all funds may not be spent this year. Schultz reported that her position has been adjusted to working ½ time with adults and ½ time with children's waiver programs. Schultz explained program requirements for expenditure of family support funds.

Birth-Three: Peters reported that the Birth-Three program is currently serving sixteen children. For 2011, the Birth-Three program will continue contracting with Rehab Resources, Beaver Dam; Rehab Alliance, Fond du Lac; and CHN Rehab, Berlin for our therapy services.

Peters reported that the Birth to 3 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding is providing Green Lake County the opportunity for staff development and consortium trainings with Marquette County. The trainings include evidence-based practices involving the coaching of families and each other (colleague to colleague) and Routines-Based Interviewing skills with families. Both topics involve the strengthening of the relationships, the county has with families while providing early intervention services in the natural environment (normally in their home). The ARRA funding period ends 7/31/2011.

Peters reported that the agency has been able to use the funding for the purchase of materials/assessments. Green Lake County DHHS has been able to direct \$4,999.00 towards equipment for the handicapped accessible playground at Zobel Park. Peters reported that Phase 1 of the equipment has been ordered with shipment expected in Spring 2011. The Zobel Park Committee continues to seek funding and grant opportunities to fund the entire project. Please forward any ideas to a committee member (See attached brochure). In addition the committee will need volunteer labor to install the equipment.

Peters reported that the state Birth to 3 review team was on site at Green Lake County on June 29, 2010 to review the yearly self-assessment. (See attached self-assessment and follow-up review letter). Peters reported that overall the review went well.

Coordinated Services Team (CST)/Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:

CST: Dissing reported to Committee members the history of the Coordinated Services Team (CST) which is a consumer-driven program based on consumer needs. Dissing reported that there are 6 family teams at present which have facilitation meetings. Discussion followed.

Dissing reported that the Community Response Program is funded by the Children's Trust Fund as well as the Family Resource Centers. Dissing reported that there is a new RFP out state-wide for a family resource network with the Community Response Program component. Dissing reported that there would be funding available for approximately 10 state-wide. If eligible for grant funds, the recipient would receive \$150,000/year for each grant cycle for the next five years. Green Lake County's project is expanding to propose to a four-county area (Green Lake, Waushara, Marquette and Adams).

CCS: Dissing reported regarding the drop-in centers and the need for more members for the Comprehensive Community Services Consumer Committee. Dissing reported that Mike Maslowski has resigned as a member of the CCS consumer committee.

Dissing reported that the agency is contracting with Community Options, Inc. for the mentoring program. There might be an option to contract with Community Options, Inc. also for CCS billing.

Health Unit: Munsey reported regarding the Maternal Health Grant which is through a Federal Grant. The government wants a community-wide collaborative plan. The government will train Health Department staff the life course model. (See attached.)

Munsey reported that the Health Unit will train the group and staff members to eliminate risk factors. Munsey will begin attending meetings and trainings. Munsey reported that there are 8 priorities for the grant. Munsey reported that there needs to be an assessment of maternal-child health to find out what the community gaps are. Discussion followed. The grant process begins in 2011. The "train-the-trainers" is to start in February 2011.

Resource Sharing: Current Issues:

Sleezer reported that the 2011 Family Preservation and Support plan has been submitted for approval.

U.W. Extension - Spaulding reported that Nav Ghimire has been hired as the new Ag. Agent. There has been some re-organization in the department with a redirection of support staff to 1 ½.

Spaulding will be having a Financial Management training in partnership with the US Bank in Princeton called 'Get Checking'.

Other programs being held through the U.W. Extension are in parenting education – "Me and My Dad" with ADVOCAP; obesity prevention on 'Childhood Obesity'. Discussion followed.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2011 at the Health & Human Services facility.

Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion: Coordinated Services Team Update, CCS update

Adjournment: None.