

## **FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—April 4, 2011**

Present were: Bonnie Goodnature, CCS consumer; Sue Sleezer, DHHS Children & Family Services Unit Manager; Dan Priske, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Gail Olson, Consumer; Gretchen Malkowsky, CCS/CST Care Manager; Jeri Loewe, DHHS Health Unit; Tracy Soda DHHS Health Unit; LeRoy Dissing, DHHS Deputy Director; Marian Sommerfeldt, Child Care Community Rep.; Connie Anderson, Parent; Fern Engel, Community Representative; James A Warriner, CCS Consumer; Heather and Gavin Behm, Parent/consumer; Deborah LaSusa, CCS Consumer, Vanessa Schultz, DD/Long Term Care Coordinator; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Richard Trochinski, County Board/Health & Human Services Board; Shelby Jensen, DHHS Economic Support Unit Manager; Pamela Cook, Parent; Lorri Bohn, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse; Jenn Zeleske, DHHS Community Response Worker

**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 11:33 a.m. by Anderson.

**Appearances/Introductions:** Introductions of members were made and new Committee members welcomed.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Motion/second (Priske/Engel) to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. Motion/second (Priske/Trochinski) to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS/POLICIES:**

**Family Support:** Schultz distributed the 2010 Family Support Program Expenditure report for Committee review. Schultz explained how the programs are funded. Twelve families with 14 children were served in 2010 in the amount of \$17,404. Schultz reported that everyone was served that was on the waiting list that requested services. Discussion followed.

**Birth-Three:** No report.

**Coordinated Services Team (CST)/Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update:** Dissing reported that there is a facilitators group that meets every other week. There are 6-10 families that are utilizing family teaming. Parents are in charge of the team and decide who will be on team, explain family problems and helps form teams with outside informal services whenever possible. The use of family teams is geared towards prevention. There are no extra funds to facilitate these family teams.

Sleezer reported that funds through the Community Response program were utilized to train staff in the family teaming process.

Malkowsky reported to Committee members that the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program is a mental health wraparound program for those individuals with a mental health and/or substance abuse diagnosis. There have been 2 additional consumers added to the CCS program for a total of 8 referrals with 4 more individuals being assessed.

Malkowsky reported that there is an advocacy project trying to establish consumer drop-in centers. Malkowsky explained that the major purpose of drop-in centers is a meeting place for individuals with mental illness to have some social outing, structure, etc. This could even expand so much as to include such things as having a meal, games, activities, educational programs and resource sharing. There will be April 13, 2011 1:00 at DHHS informational meeting re drop-in centers. The executive director, will speak at this meeting.

**Health:** Loewe updated Committee members regarding the move of maternal-child health services to a more system-based approach and this committee will oversee the development of the “Life Course Model”. Loewe reported that one of the first steps will be to do a full assessment of what services are available throughout the county. (See attached.)

Loewe explained the 4 different priority areas for serving families: Family Support including parenting education programs; Mental Health and social and emotional wellness; Child development supports; and Safety and injury prevention. Committee members added ideas of additional services provided in the four different areas. Committee members will be updated at the next meeting.

Soda reported that on May 21, 2011 there will be a countywide “Let’s Move campaign”. The Wellness coalition will be having different activities in all the municipalities to get parents/children up and moving.

**Resource Sharing:** **Current Issues:**

ADVOCAP - Anderson reported that ADVOCAP is awaiting to find out funding amounts for 2011 from the Federal budget. It is anticipated that some programs will be cut totally. Committee members will be updated when the budget has been passed.

Anderson reported that Headstart funding is getting drastically cut. Headstart will need to cut staff. There is anticipation that there will be quite a bit of change in the new few months.

Sommerfeldt reported that the ARC of Fond du Lac County will be having a conference on April 30, 2011 – “The Autism Dilemma: Finding Our Way”. (See attached.) Registration forms were distributed to Committee members. Sommerfeldt explained that the registration fee includes lunch. Discussion followed.

Sommerfeldt reported that she is applying for a grant for the Green Lake County mentoring program being done through Community Options, Inc. The grant is through the Green Lake Foundation.

Van Ness distributed the Joint Finance Budget Hearing Schedule. (See attached.). Van Ness urged anyone interested to attending one of these hearings.

Loewe reported that on Friday, April 8, 2011 Wautoma will be holding the Healthy Babies coalition for anyone working with children. The theme is “Being Positive”. Loewe reported that 8:15 – 9:00 is registration with the program lasting till noon. Anyone interested in attending needs to pre-registered.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled July 11, 2011.

**Future Agenda Items for Action/Discussion:** Coordinated Services Team Update, CCS update  
Health Assessment; budget; community response program

**Adjournment:** Motion/second (Olson/Warriner) to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.