

**NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM
HUMAN SERVICES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

September 3, 2014

3:00 p.m.

NCHC – Wausau Campus

Present:

X	Nancy Bergstrom	X	Lee Shipway	X	John Robinson (by phone)
X	Linda Haney	X	Joanne Kelly	EXC	Holly Matucheski
X	Scott Parks	X	Greta Rusch		

Also Present: Gary Bezucha, Brenda Glodowski, Toni Simonson, Becky Schultz,
Gretchen Brown, Joanne Leonard, Vicki Tylka, Dawn Perez, Debbie Osowski

The meeting was called to order, roll call was noted and a quorum declared.

Welcome and introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

- **Motion** Haney, 2nd Bergstrom to approve the consent agenda, which includes the minutes of the 6/13/14 meeting and the financial reports. Motion carried.

Child Abuse and Neglect Presentation by Dawn Perez, Marathon County Social Services

- Child Abuse and Neglect Program (Child Protective Services) Child Maltreatment handout was provided which included definitions for physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.
- Purpose of this program is to receive and respond to reports of child abuse and neglect.
- The program is governed by State Statutes Chapter 48, Safety Reference Guide and State Standards.
- Mandated Reporting is specifically identified for those in direct contact with children i.e. teachers, physicians, counselors, etc. but anyone can report suspected child abuse and/or neglect.
- Child Protective Services (CPS) receives calls about alleged child abuse, assesses situation, and determines appropriate intervention which may include referrals to community resources (food pantries, counseling services, etc.).
- Only when the child is determined to be unsafe in the home do they remove the child from the home and the intent is to return the child to their home when it is determined to be safe again. It is sometimes difficult for people to understand that the safety of the child and the desired level of parenting are two separate items.
- As far as any potential policy change in statutes or funding either at a state or federal level, Vicki noted that there is no discussion at the federal level. However, there is concern around the state for children to be successfully reunified with their family and the potential funding for additional services through case management for a year following reunification.

- In 2011 there were 110 out of home placements. In 2014 there have been 140 out of home placements to date. Increase is attributed to drug use and unsafe homes. Over 50% of the children in foster care are due to drug use of the parents.
- There seems to be a growing problem of students K-12 with significant behavioral issues and disruptive behaviors. If the issue of maltreatment CPS can be involved. If the issue is behavioral CPS has no jurisdiction but referrals are made for community services (not a warm hand-off).
- What could the community do to help? CPS would like there to be alternatives to incarcerations so that families could stay together. Law enforcement would ask for changes to the statute to allow them the opportunity to get children out of an unsafe house more readily.
- There has been interest at the community level for a family drug court.
- Data has shown that those aging out of foster care have detrimental effects.

Human Services Report

- Three case manager positions have been filled for the Coordinated Service Teams (one for each county).
- Funding was received from the State to implement this service; have been working closely with social services to determine eligibility for services.
- Target population is children who are in two or more systems of care (complex cases).

Behavioral Health Integrated Care (BHIC) Grant

- After working on this pilot for the past year in collaboration with Marshfield Clinic, Ministry Health, Bridge Clinic and Aspirus, the Department of Health Services (DHS) has decided to put the pilot on hold due to lack of integration of an electronic medical records system (EMR) with all organizations.
- An integrated EMR had been discussed at the beginning of these discussions indicating this requirement would be a struggle.
- DHS has applied for a federal grant for the development of an EMR.
- The BHIC Oversight Committee will be meeting with DHS on 9/16/14 to discuss their decision and the status of the pilot project.
- In the meantime, since we are aware of our population who had been identified for this pilot program, we are discussing how we could move forward to try to work with these individuals to better coordinate and assist with their physical needs as well as their mental health needs.

Psychiatry Update

- Continuing to recruit for psychiatrists.
- Interviewed a candidate but did not feel it was a good match for NCHC.
- Will continue to move forward with the Psychiatry Residency program; in the process of securing commitments for funding from all eight partners.
- New Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner has received her prescriber's license and has been working primarily in Community Treatment in all counties.

Aquatic Update

- Firm was hired and the study was completed for their onsite visit.
- Draft of their report should be ready for the Task Force in 2-3 weeks.
- An ultrasound of the pool to better determine its integrity was not able to be completed due to the amount of rebar in the cement and the water in the pool.

- A final report will be presented to the appropriate committees and the county before moving to the next phase.
- Tax levy is not used to support the Aquatic Program or the operation of the pool. The capital improvement request would be in addition to the fundraising for the capital improvement project.
- Capital improvement request would be done in 2015.

Future Meeting Agendas

- Update on BHIC
- Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion Shipway; 2nd Rusch to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried.

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