

PAC MINUTES

Children, Youth and Family PAC
July 9, 2021
Minutes Recorder, Dawn Buchholz

PAC Member Attendance—via Zoom

Vicki Tylka, Chair	Tracy Puent	Alyssa Schultz
Dawn Buchholz, Chair	Jessie Cody	Diane Cable
Terry Barningham	Eric Calvino	Sue Sleezer
Scott Shackelford	Lisa Broll	Pat Lancour
Coral Kline		

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance taken: Others present via Zoom: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Katie Davis, WCHSA; John Elliott, DCF; John Tuohy, DCF; Michelle Rawlings, DCF; Angela Krueger, DCF; Shelby McCulley, DCF; Emily Erickson, DCF; Kristen Anchor, DHS; Kim Schweitzer, DMCPD; Jamie Keehn, DCF; Michelle Buehl, DJC; Ron Hermes, DJC; Doreen Wehmas, Douglas County; Andrew Tyler, DCF; Tania Cornelius, DCF; Kelly Davis, Children’s Hospital Milwaukee ; Dana Johnson, DCF; Kathryn Francher, SaintA; Linda Hall, Office of Children’s Mental Health; Stewart Parins, CGI; Quatonda Green, DCF; Mike Nelson, Marathon County; Tania Cornelius, DCF; Amy Bell-Ferries, DHS; Jane Penner-Hoppe, DCF; Anna Harvatine, CGI; Connie Bettin, Dane County; Jessica Larsen, Waukesha County; Darin Smith, PDS; Eunice Hong, DCF, ; Mark Ramion, DCF; Mary Dorn, Outagamie County; True Lor, DHS; Scott Kornish, Outagamie County

III. Review and Approval of Minutes: Eric made a motion to approve, Lisa seconded, motion approved.

IV. Updates and Action Items

A. DCF Discussion

1. Permanency Plan Presentation: see handouts. PAC would like to see concurrent goals on the same “line” of the template, so one goal doesn’t appear to be more important than another. A request was made to view the actual PP template to ensure it is trauma informed in ordering of sections and for ease of read by judges. Stuart will provide template to stakeholders including CYF PAC. PAC leadership will update WCHSA Executive Board.
2. Strategic Plan-Child Welfare Transformation

- A. Change Management-
 - a. Compass Feedback has been mixed. Some positive, but some said it was too elementary. DCF will discuss with Root.
 - b. Learning Map Roll-Out: PAC encouraged DCF to make purpose clear, and for each step of the child welfare transformation. Conducted 3 focus groups already and received good feedback. Now starting to train facilitators. Strongly encouraging every county's participation.
 - c. External Stakeholder Project: kicking off next week. 7 county directors participating.

- B. New Worker Training Survey: looking at innovative ways to conduct training. Launching a county survey to directors regarding technology capabilities.

- C. QRTP Next Steps and County Involvement: legislation was passed. Plan to have draft standards to WCHSA by August. There are 3 findings that the judges need to make in order for child to meet QRTP placement requirements. Counties and judges can still place a child in a QRTP even if child doesn't meet federal QRTP qualifications, but State will not be able to claim IV-E on that child. See <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first/qrtp> and <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first/toolbox> DCF working on emergency rule, hoping to have it done by October 1, and are working with providers to complete QRTP applications. Goal to have some providers certified by the end of the year.

- D. Extended Placement-Next Steps: DCF is suggesting that agency Director will have to approve in eWiSacwis. Unclear of what joint DCF and County accountability will look like. DCF indicate awareness that counties are requesting their partnership and support in addressing these high needs youth. This will be on future agenda items for discussion on how DCF and county leadership mutually address the placement needs of specific high need youth requiring residential care. PAC leaders will update WCHSA Executive Board

- E. Prevention Plan: limited resources/dollars. More to come in the future.

- 3. YJ Input Session Planning: Want to be prepared if legislators decide to take up YJ in the future. Looking at conducting virtual listening sessions later this summer to gather feedback around priorities.

- 4. Ethan's Law: if Governor signs, it will go in effect immediately. DCF has a memo ready to inform counties on the requirements and gather questions. The law, as written, applies to the disposition hearing only (not TPC hearings or change of placements) and prohibits placement in homes of people who have had certain criminal charges (not just convictions). Concerns were shared by PAC members about racial disparity issues and lack of due process relating to a consequence based on criminal charges. Included in the law, the judge would be able to order a placement if the child welfare agency provides compelling facts that

the placement is safe and appropriate even if provider has these certain charges/convictions. Law applies to unlicensed providers, in CHIPS and YJ, but not JIPS cases.

5. Pending legislation: Foster Parent's Bill of Rights: would include that the foster parents be part of the professional child welfare team and concerns regarding what that would mean. Hearing was postponed. More information to come.
6. eWiSacwis User/Feedback Group Formation: looking for workgroup members (15-20) who are "super" users of eWiSacwis to help with design, improvements, reporting, efficiencies, etc. Andrew Tyler would lead this project and will send an email to Katie making this request.
7. CFA Workgroup Update: Seeking feedback from regional directors. Meeting again in August. Hoping to have recommendation by September. PAC leaders will update WCHSA Executive Board.
8. Budget Update: not much changed from the June 16th budget update. Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake rate increased by over 80%. Did not change date of Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake closure of July 1, 2021 and did not change requirement regarding capping number of kids in 180/360 programs. Did add funds for subsidized guardianships, but no statutory language on how to spend the funding (so will need separate legislation). Governor signed budget but made 50 vetoes.
9. County Complaint Procedure – final memo not yet released.
10. Other Updates:
 - A. Rate Regulation: no update
 - B. Work Load/Case Load Study: no update
 - C. Inter-county Agreement Workgroup: no update
- V. Professional Development System: maintaining most trainings virtual. More involved, skill building trainings will be in person and offered around the State. Darin shared our training compliance percentages (see email). Registration for the September Child Welfare and the Courts training is now open.
- VI. Office of Children's Mental Health: the Parents as Leaders in Child Welfare Group moved their meetings to the evening...still looking for members. Parents as Leaders in Child Welfare Group sign up: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/6079477/OCMH-Parent-Leaders-with-Child-Welfare-Experience-Interest-Form> Minority provider group will be holding a panel session soon. July 29th

youth session regarding what matters to them and how to enhance youth wellbeing. Real Talk and Youth Listening Session details and registration links: www.children.wi.gov

VII. Department of Corrections: Currently 54 boys at Lincoln Hills and 6 girls at Copper Lake (4 youth at GROW). 10th monitor report to come out later this month.

VIII. DHS: Kristen Anchor left DHS in June.

Upcoming procurement projects from the Children, Youth, and Family Section:

- Coordinated Specialty Care – First Episode Psychosis Expansion – one grant covering two years totaling approximately \$1,000,000 - GFOA should be released later this summer
- Youth Primary Substance Use Prevention – 10 grants at approximately \$75,000 per grant – RFA should be released later this summer
- CST Technical Assistance – current grant has no further renewals – GFOA will be released later this fall, contract to begin October 2022
- Collaborative Crisis Intervention Services to Youth – current grants have no further renewals – likely 5 grants at approximately \$116,000 each with contracts to begin 7/1/22

Upcoming trainings:

- UW-Whitewater Now is the Time for Evidence Based Practice in Youth Treatment - virtual – CEUs offered – Focus is on evidence based practice in WI – Aug 4 and 5 – email nowisthetime@uww.edu or register at https://uwwcitee.ungerboeck.net/prod/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?&SessionID=ejofbnfgkfbp&Lang=*
- Aug 24 – Wraparound Conference – virtual – more info will be sent via GovDelivery
- Sept 8 – CCS/CST Statewide Meeting – virtual – more info will be sent via GovDelivery
- Sept 28 – Wraparound Seminar – virtual – focus on self-care for care coordinators and service facilitators – more info will be sent via GovDelivery

CST Related:

- County annual application and budget will be sent by DHS contract administrators in early July with a due date in early August

IX. Follow-up:
A. See highlighted items above.

X. Meeting adjourned.