

PAC MINUTES

Children, Youth and Family PAC

March 12, 2021

COUNTY ONLY PAC members

Minutes Recorder, Dawn Buchholz

PAC Member Attendance via Zoom

Vicki Tylka, Chair	Brent Ruehlow, Chair	Coral Kline
Dawn Buchholz, Chair	Carrie Anderson	Kelly Oleson
Lisa Broll	Terry Barringham	Sue Sleezer
Liza Daleiden	Annette Beattie	Eric Calvino
Diane Cable	Pat Lancour	Tracy Puent
Martha Stacker	Scott Shackelford	Alyssa Schultz

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance taken: others present: Katie Davis, WCHSA; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Pamela Kernan, Clark County

III. Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Eric, seconded by Coral. Approved.

IV. Discussion and Action Items:

A. Follow up from All PAC member meeting: Root Learning: multiple groups, focus groups and case reviews occurred. Dane and other counties participated. Presentation occurring this afternoon. Some concern about level of training that will be required of workers and supervisors, and how this will be rolled out.

B. Review of Governor’s budget items: WCHSA will advocate for the Family First and CFA related budget items. DCF will release the timeline for Youth Justice Initiatives. SJO—why does this change need to occur on July 1st? PAC notes that SJO could have a significant financial impact on counties. Concern that there is practically no lead time for counties to take this on, build appropriate services, and work with our communities, even if there was financial compensation. Likely that there would be a significant financial hit to counties as Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake is running on a significant deficit. Will the State start billing counties for SJO kids starting July 1st? Really no need for the State to give SJO back to counties in order to meet the philosophy. We still need placement and other resources for youth with complex needs. How can we leverage Medicaid benefits? Why the push to put all of these pieces in this current budget? PAC suggests that WCHSA consider supporting 10 & 11 year olds being removed from Youth Justice, 17 year olds returning to Youth Justice with sum sufficient funding (with potential



start dates of January of 2023) and keeping funds in the budget to build resources/infrastructure to fulfill our common philosophy (i.e. keeping kids out of corrections/secure as much as possible, focusing on treatment and safety, etc.), but not the rest of the Youth Justice budget items. **Sarah will work on this white paper, which we will also share with DOC and DCF.**

C. Feedback on 45 day memo review – County Complaint process: **Please get comments/feedback to Brent.**

D. Congregate care payments processing: Concern regarding how we distinguish what payments are COVID payments. May cause reconciliation/audit issues. Potential discussion at Financial Manager meetings.

V. Follow up—see highlighted above.

VI. Adjournment