

Advisory Committee for Children's Voluntary Services

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Room 33 and VIRTUAL - TEAMS meeting

PRESENT: Tim Borud, Abby Drover, Tammy Ross, Amanda Rinne, Linda Pierron, Jennifer Philibeck

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Elizabeth Riley, Cristie Siebenaller, Bridget Hunter, Mitch Cornils, Hailey Drummond, Liz Schlosser, Jessica Oaks

Elizabeth Wagner called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

1. Approval of February 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes: **Tracy Gehrke** moved for approval of the February 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by **Tammy Ross**, and motion carried.
2. Presentation – Empowered Minds Kids Studio – Amanda Rinne and Jennifer Philibeck:
 - Certified kids' life coaches with 34 years of combined experience as educators.
 - What is kids' life coaching? Empowers children to be the leaders of their own lives by focusing on strengths and the future. Tools including mindset, resilience, confidence, leadership, and healthy lifestyle choices. Participants receive a backpack, t-shirt, and tangible tools. Adventure kits are sent home to allow practicing of goals and skills from in sessions.
 - 2022 Wisconsin Youth Mental Health Data – 52% reported anxiety; 34% sad / hopeless daily; 25% of females seriously considered suicide; 22% reported self-harm.
 - Coaching Services – Parents complete an online assessment to determine coaching program specifically for each child. Services include individual counseling (ages 4-13), group coaching (ages 5-13) services, and summer camps.
 - Q&A:
 - Where is your office located? In Appleton near intersection of College and Mayflower.
 - Are services only available in the office? Services are available mostly at the office. Other potential options are in schools that are willing to allow services to be held there and in-home services.
 - Do parents pay or does insurance cover services? Insurance does not cover; however, Empowered Minds is in the process of completing a contract with Winnebago County as a CLTS provider. They also accept private payments.
 - Do you have any brochures available? A QR code was shared. Brochures are available. Agency information and upcoming sessions can be found on Facebook, Instagram, and on their website.
 - Can referrals be made through your website? Yes.
 - Can coaching be extended beyond the 12-week sessions? Yes, additional sessions can be added. Summer camps are also encouraged.
 - Could you provide more information on the summer camps? There are six one-day camps available throughout June through August from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The website contains all the details on the camps including location, activities for each camp such as wellness warriors, yoga, nature, discovering, relationships, and communication. Participants will receive a backpack and t-shirt.

- Could you give information regarding the assessment? An assessment and an initial family session are done prior to individual coaching and small group sessions but is not necessary for participation at the camps.
- Do you do transports? No, parents are responsible for transportation.

3. Member Sharing – Updates or news to share about your agency or child:

Tim Borud is the Family and Engagement Consultant at CESA 6 helping school districts build partnership and trust with families. Mentorship is provided through individualized youth services for children in the CLTS Program. Coaching for parents of CLTS children is anticipated to be available later this year through Tim.

Mitch Cornils is the Ongoing Child Protection Supervisor with Winnebago County. Recruitment is ongoing for foster parents.

Bridget Hunter is the Children's Long Term Support Supervisor at the new Water Street location in Neenah.

Hailey Drummond has transitioned to the team from Child Welfare on Friday.

Abby Drover is a cofounder of Love the Mess in Oshkosh. Abby shared upcoming events including June 8 – ice cream social; July 6 – Red, White and Blue day; and various support group meetings of which families can request to join through Facebook. August 27 – Kate Swenson from *Finding Cooper's Voice* is being brought in for a presentation.

Tammy Ross is the owner, along with her husband, of the Sensory Club in Neenah. Membership continues to grow, and families have been making connections with each other. The Sensory Club has partnered with SOAR to run a free group for parents with children under the age of five. The inclusive music group being held on Thursday will likely be held again in fall. A variety of field trips continue. Regarding Building the Bridge, Tammy is a new practitioner in DIRFloortime after the recent completion of the 14-certification course. She plans to take an additional certification at which time she will be considered a full practitioner. DIRFloortime is utilized for relationship development through non-verbal communication skills building.

Julienne Gohde transitioned to the team in February as the Provider Relations Specialist. She assists with the onboarding and contract process for CLTS providers and shares updates from existing providers.

Tracy Gehrke is a Public Health Nurse for Winnebago County.

- Immunizations clinics are being held for children with Medical Assistance or no health insurance.
- Parent resource hours are held at the Oshkosh office on second Tuesdays from 1-4 and Neenah office from 11-2 on the fourth Thursdays. Car seats and educational information are offered.
- Diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products are available at Oshkosh and Neenah locations for those in need. Families can receive one package of diapers monthly.
- Back to School Fair – The Fair will be held on August 13 and 14. A flier with a QR code was distributed and to date 1200 children have registered for the fair. The threshold has been met and it is hoped more funding or donations can be secured to ensure more families can participate. Participants receive a backpack full of school supplies, \$40 shoe voucher, and haircuts are

available at the fair. Transit will be onsite for families to get bus passes. Families can also receive vouchers for Goodwill and Salvation Army.

Staci Thorkildsen of Headstart shared that this school year is wrapping up and applications are being accepted for next school year.

Elizabeth Wagner shared the following resources/updates.

- ADRC May 2024 Newsletter – focuses on stroke awareness, calendar/events, Welcome to Medicare sessions, footcare information, craft fair, repair café, June is Elder Abuse Month, SOAR activities. <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/adrc/adrc-newsletter>
- Family Voices – Upcoming summer camps for children and teens with disabilities and special needs most of which are CLTS contracted providers. <https://familyvoiceswi.org/resource-library/1304/>. Circles of Life Conference is being held May 16-17. <https://familyvoiceswi.org/circles-of-life-conference/>
- SOAR – Several upcoming advocacy and support groups are being offered by SOAR. <https://soarfoxcities.com/programs/advocacy/>
- Oshkosh Public Library – Elizabeth shared upcoming children's events and programming at the Oshkosh Public Library. <https://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/events/childrensprogramms>.
- YMCA Camp Hope – Camp information is available at <https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/camp-hope>.
- Center for Childhood Safety – Week-long summer camp in Green Bay teaching safety skills to children. A contract for CLTS funding is in the works. <https://www.centerforchildhoodsafety.org/>

4. Children's COP and CLTS Services – Elizabeth Wagner:

- Service and Program Updates:
- Staffing – **Hailey Drummond** recently started and will be shadowing home visits with other staff. **Laurie Grable** will be assisting throughout the summer with new referral functional screenings as an LTE. Continued hiring is expected to occur in the coming year to meet growing demand.
- New Neenah location – Neenah is changing to a new location which will be fully built out by the end of 2024.
- New contracted CLTS providers include Wisconsin Family Ties out of Green Bay, Childhood Safety, Open Trails Counseling, ARC of Fond du Lac, and Camp Daniel, Camp LuWiSoMo, Camp Phillip, Pine Lake Camp, and Easter Seals Camp.
- Waitlist Updates – Four youth are currently on the waitlist. Current enrollment=726 actively open.
- New Referrals: New referrals average 20 per month. February=19, March=19, April=23.

5. Birth-to-Three Services (B-3) – Wendy Hein: Wendy was not in attendance, so Elizabeth shared the following B-3 updates:

- New Referrals: March=98 referrals with 25 being re-referrals. Current enrollment=316 children. Referrals in process=149.
- B-3 Team Meeting – The WIC Program was highlighted where staff learned about eligibility for WIC and benefits.
- QR codes are being used successfully in receiving feedback from families.
- Staffing – The B-3 Program is currently fully staffed.
- Literacy Partners – B-3 is currently partnering with the Appleton School District regarding literacy.
- A parent testimonial was shared complimenting B-3 Program services.

6. CCS/CST Youth Services – Cristie Siebenaller: Cristie is the lead CCS service facilitator for Winnebago County Behavioral Health. The program continues to provide support services to children

and families. Four therapy staff positions have been added which are under current recruitment along with a service facilitator opening.

7. 2024 Focus Areas and Committee Role: Elizabeth shared the new youth transition letter that is in creation. The letter will be shared families of children around the age of 14 in the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program to provide education on transition and resource options.
8. 2024 Meeting Dates: **Tracy Gehrke** has agreed to co-chair committee meetings when Sharon Oberkrieser is unable to attend. Upcoming meeting dates in 2024: September 10, December 10. Meetings will be held at 12:30 and virtual attendance remains an option.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Wagner