

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC)		Attending: Phil Robinson, Samantha Feryance, Hugh Davis, Phyllis Greenberger, Paul Manriquez, Andrea Gugel, Greg Gintz, Kia Kjensrud, John Bauman, Rebecca Bell, Jill Ellinwood, Georgette Teschner, Hugo Vargas, Nichol Wienkes, Rebecca Green Blanks, Jason Cram, Danielle Graham-Heine, Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel, Zachary Todd	
Date: 1/25/2022	Time Started: 10:06	Time Ended: 11:30 a.m.	
Location: https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/j/1607599329		Presiding Officer: Samatha Feryance & Phil Robinson	

Minutes

Children Come First (CCF) Advisory Committee

January 25, 2022

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

This meeting will be held via Webinar Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, call to order, and introductions
 - a. Samantha Feryance called meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and introduced Phil Robinson as co-chair
 - b. Introduction of DHS staff members
2. Good news check-in
 - a. Resources provided in the chat around youth mental health
 - [The kids are not all right: The urgent need to expand effective behavioral health services for children and youth \(brookings.edu\)](https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-kids-are-not-all-right-the-urgent-need-to-expand-effective-behavioral-health-services-for-children-and-youth/)
 - [Child and Adolescent Mental Health During COVID-19: Considerations for Schools and Early Childhood Providers Issue Brief \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/child-adolescent-mental-health-during-covid-19-considerations-for-schools-and-early-childhood-providers-issue-brief/)
 - [surgeon-general-youth-mental-health-advisory.pdf \(hhs.gov\)](https://www.hhs.gov/surgeon-general-youth-mental-health-advisory/pdf/)
[The Evolution of the System of Care Approach for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Mental Health Conditions and Their Families](#)
 - b. No additional information provided
3. Approval of October 26, 2021 minutes
 - a. Review of the October 26, 2021 minutes
 - Kia Kjensrud moved to approve October 2021 Minutes
 - Greg Gintz seconded the motion to approve October 2021 Minutes
 - Approved
4. Member spotlight: Emma McGovern (they/them)
 - a. The member spot light will be moved to April 2022, as Emma McGovern was unable to attend.
5. Voting of new members: Rebecca Green Blanks
 - a. Introduction of Rebecca Green Blanks
 - Rebecca Green Blanks offered information that identified she is currently a Youth Social Worker and CST Coordinator for the Oneida Tribe and works with Middle and High school students. She

has provided advocacy for youth throughout her career. She has been in her current role for 5 years and has been in the social work field for over 12 years.

- Vote to approve Rebecca Green Blanks as new member to CCFAC
 - Approved

6. Report: System of Care updates

Reviewed priorities and offered discussion

a. 2022 Priorities

- System of Care workgroup will commit to developing and sustaining a partnership with Medicaid.
 - Phil Robinson provided an overview of the first priority and the desire to develop and maintain a relationship/partnership with Medicaid. It was identified that there are several funding streams with many differences between the different funding streams.
 - This priority was developed and guided by the SOC workgroup with the suggestion to look at the challenges around a children's systems of care and the desire to develop a relationship and sustain a partnership with Medicaid to focus on practices and programs, along with the CCFAC learning about Medicaid, the history, and the relationship with Medicaid.
 - It was identified that there is a desire to have a representative as a member of the CCFAC
 - Kia Kjensrud – identified that she felt that this was a positive focus and will fill in many gaps.
 - Jill Ellinwood – identified that the engagement and building the relationship with Medicaid supports the WRAP Around philosophy around engagement and relationships.
 - Kia Kjensrud – commented the need to have an understanding of roles, along with Medicaid having a mutual understanding of the CCFAC and a children's system of care. It was also identified that there are many different staff and roles within Medicaid that may bring adjustments of who attends and who is the most appropriate fit to attend the CCFAC.
 - Zach Todd – commented that this may allow for the review of the Medicaid rule and barriers around WRAP Around, as it was identified that DHS 36 does not have barriers to WRAP Around.
 - Jill Ellinwood – discussed the need for Medicaid to understand the differences between traditional mental health services and WRAP Around, as well as, the need to have an understanding how supporting and working with children and families is different than providing services to adults.
 - There is a need to be able to articulate the differences and are there certain things that the CCFAC can address
 - Jill Ellinwood – discussed a recent meeting that provided a definition on families as consumer within CCS as indicated with DHS 36 and what this means to provide services and supports to families whose youth are enrolled in CCS.
 - Jason Cram – SOC workgroup is scheduled to meet in February to further discuss this priority.
 - Samantha Feryance – provided clarification of the role of the SOC workgroup around this priority and then DHS – DCTS will have conversations with Medicaid to determine who can attend the CCFAC meetings.
 - By February 2022 the SOC workgroup will meet to familiarize and educate itself with the different Medicaid reimbursable programs and where it is supporting the Wraparound process.

- In February, SOC workgroup will provide Medicaid partners with the history of Wraparound process and the evolution timeline.
 - In partnership with Medicaid, identify and recruit a Medicaid representative for CCFAC membership.
 - By April 2022, in partnership with Medicaid representation develop a resolution process to troubleshoot common funding barriers and strategize solutions.
 - Children Come First Advisory Committee, if necessary, will make recommendations to Department of Health Services which may include recommendations to open the rule to make revisions and amendments. This may also include CCFAC leveraging resources for a recommendation to the Governor's office.
- Identify the steps to creating a System of Care Strategic Plan
- Jason C – provided an update around the 2nd priority to include an outline during the April meeting. It was identified that this will include contracting with UW Whitewater as the Project Management. The SOC Strategic Plan will include the Self-Assessment Tool that has been developed throughout the entire process.
 - The Self-Assessment Tool would be administered to be statewide and the strategic plan will include stakeholders with the end result to include data and a Summit.
 - ARPA money will be used of the SOC Strategic Plan.
 - Currently steps that have occurred is:
 - Consulting with Gary Blau, Elizabeth Waetzig – Change Matrix as facilitator, possibly utilizing Frameworks
 - Plans should be finalized within 2 – 3 months with the engagement of all Stakeholders
 - A small subgroup of the System of Care Workgroup will evaluate and document progress and create a timeline up to this point since the initial Georgetown strategic planning session and present to the larger Committee.
 - Identify internally what it is the Children Come First Advisory Committee would like to see in the future. Establish a concrete set of improvements using current partnerships.
 - System of Care Advisory Workgroup will identify key characteristics of a potential resource to facilitate the strategic plan in line with the WI SOC principles, vision, mission, and goals.
 - By early 2022, there will be a clear layout of goals for planning to include the identification of a resource to facilitate the strategic plan for the Children's System of Care.
- Data driven decision making
- Jason C – reviewed this priority with the discussion that this priority will determine what data should be collected and determine what data is collected and reviewed. It was identified that there has been a renewed focus on CST and CCS data to develop a comprehensive data evaluation plan. Conversation within DHS – DCTS have occurred, and it was suggested that data evaluator, Tim Connor attend the April CCFAC meeting to provide additional information around the data.
- In 2020, there was CST data report that was provided to all CST's which was then used within work plans and contracts.
- In December 2022, a virtual meeting was scheduled to include NIATx that provided an overview on how to use the data sets in a quality improvement process for CST initiatives

- System of Care Advisory Group will identify ways in which counties and tribes can best use current data available.
 - System of Care Advisory Committee will compose recommendations to Department of Health Services for further data collection.
 - Children Come First Advisory Committee will determine ways data can provide guidance and recommendations for statewide system improvements and leverage their collective resources to impact policy.
 - Phil requested a motion to adopt 2022 priorities with a requested change within language from System of Care Committee to System of Care Workgroup.
 - Greg motioned to approve the adopted 2022 priorities as drafted with the change to System of Care Workgroup.
 - Phyllis Greenberger second the motion to approve.
 - Motion approved to adopted 2022 priorities as drafted with the change to System of Care Workgroup.
- b. System of Care Advisory Workgroup
- Samantha Feryance provided an overview around the change to workgroup and offered discussion from the shift of advisory group to a workgroup. It was identified that the workgroup will take on the work and bring back to the CCFAC. This change from committee to workgroup allows for flexibility.
 - Phil Robinson addressed that the SOC Workgroup will engage additional stakeholders that will assist with the engagement of the priorities.
7. Discussion on 2021 CCF presentations
- a. Samantha Feryance provided a discussion around 2021 topics and requested suggestions for presentations 2022
- Jason Cram and Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel to present on the Georgetown review and next steps - April
 - Tim Connor data presentation – April
 - Roll out of 988 and the impact to youth
[WPPNT: 2022 | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) – January 27: Planning for 988 in Wisconsin
 - Understanding of Tribes
 - Continuum of Crisis Services and impact of youth
 - Outline of continuum of services and how this committee may offer suggestions on gaps and initiatives (John Bauman to support this discussion) (Scott Strong may be able to participate in this discussion)
8. Public comment
- a. No public comment
9. Announcements
- a. 2022 meeting dates: 1/25/2022, 4/26/2022, 7/26/2022, 10/25/2022
- Review of upcoming dates for CCFAC meetings
- b. Samantha Feryance shared that this year LLS will celebrate 140th Anniversary
[Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan \(lsswis.org\)](#)
- c. Jason provided grant funding updates
- CSC Grant Funding applications were due, but this may be opened up again due to no applications
[Psychosis, First Episode and Coordinated Specialty Care | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

- Youth Crisis stabilization facility currently looking to expand one additional site
 - Hugh Davis asked about the 3rd Youth Crisis Stabilization site and what happened
 - It was identified that DHS is having meetings to discuss some of the barriers/challenges that the Youth Crisis Stabilization facility is having
 - Phil Robinson identified that the opening of the two current Youth Crisis Stabilization facilities have been beneficial and that these facilities have been contracting with other Counties.
 - Jill E – asked about contracting with North Central Youth Crisis Stabilization facility and if they are contracting with other Counties
 - Jason C – identified that North Central Youth Crisis Stabilization is contracting with other Counties and Counties should reach out to the facility if there is an interest to contract.
 - Rebecca Bell – identified the Milwaukee Youth Crisis Stabilization facility has been a positive resource for Dodge County
- Coordinated Crisis Intervention for Youth – contracts will start in July providing funding for Counties to develop creative solutions to address crisis for youth
 - Contract GRO is currently in existence
 - Would like to fund at a regional basis
- Jason Cram identified that there is an awareness of staff shortages and work overload around the contracting process and requests and DHS – DCTS is attending Regional Director Meetings to discuss these challenges and to hear suggestions on how to make the requests for GFO's better. [Current Grant Funding Opportunities | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- Jason Cram identified that there are current discussions for the budget paper for PRTF should be available within the upcoming months for review. The psychiatric facility would provide care to children with complex needs, a resource that is not available within WI, but available within other States. Budget paper will be sent to legislature to determine approval

10. Adjournment

- a. Hugh Davis moves to adjourn CCFAC
- b. Jill Ellinwood seconds motion to adjourn
- c. Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the governmental business outlined in the above agenda. The CCF Advisory Committee is established by [state statute](#) to support the development of a comprehensive service system of coordinated care for children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care. Information about the CCF Advisory Committee may be found at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cst/providers.htm>.

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