

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC)		Attending: Phil Robinson, Samantha Feryance, Joanne Kitelinger, Rob Kaminski, Hugh Davis, Phyllis Greenberger, Amanda Huber, Paul Manriquez, Andrea Gugel, Leanne Delsart, Greg Gintz, Kia Kjensrud, John Bauman, Kathryn Kosmaule (Koslov), Rebecca Bell, Tibissum Rice, Rebecca Green Blanks, Jill Ellinwood, Georgette Teschner, Hugo Vargas, Jason Cram, Kenya Brights, Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel	
Date: 7/26/2022	Time Started: 10:04 A.M	Time Ended: 12:23 P.M.	
Location: <a href="https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1607987428">https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1607987428</a>		Presiding Officer: Samatha Feryance & Phil Robinson	
<b>Minutes</b>			

### OPEN MEETING NOTICE

Children Come First (CCF) Advisory Committee

July 26, 2022

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

This meeting will be held via Webinar Zoom

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Webinar ID: 160 798 7428

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome, call to order, and introductions
  - a. Sam Feryance called the meeting to order
  - b. Roll Call
2. Good news check-in
  - a. No good news information
3. Approval of April 26, 2022 minutes
  - a. Joanne Kitelinger motions to approve the minutes
  - b. Rob Kaminski second the motion to approve minutes
4. Member spotlight: Hugo Vargas
  - a. Hugo Vargas provided a member spotlight
5. Voting of new members/Highlight new members
  - a. Leanne Delsart Milwaukee Wraparound replacing open seat of Experienced System of Care Professional Representative
  - b. Amanda Huber Waukesha County replacing previous County Department Representative (Dr. William Seymour)
  - c. Tibissum Rice Lac Courte Oreilles replacing previous Indian Child Welfare Director
  - d. Identified vacancies: Department of Workforce, Development Philanthropy, Technical College System
6. Report: System of Care updates
  - a. 2022 Priorities
    - i. Medicaid Partnership
      1. Kenya provided an update regarding Medicaid partnership. It has been identified that with increasing capacity around workloads there is limited availability with staff; though, if there are specific asks and/or needs Medicaid is open to responding and in the future open to partnering as capacity changes.

2. Phil Robinson identified that at this time there does not appear to be questions; though, proposed the question around if there is a need and/or opportunity for the CCFAC to be able to offer feedback on the work that Medicaid is addressing.
- ii. System of Care Summit 2023- Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel and Shana Martindale
  1. Ann Kelley- Kuehmichel, Wisconsin System of Care Coordinator, and Shana Martindale, Youth Services Project Coordinator, provided an overview and update of the System of Care Summit (review of PowerPoint) [Children's System of Care | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
  2. Summit is scheduled for April 2023
  3. Questions / Comment
    - a. Hugh Davis identified that the workgroup that was mentioned has had this focus for many years to include larger audience such as: advocates, lived experience, organizations, County/Tribal, state agency partners, and DHS staff.
- iii. Future CST available data
  1. Phil Robinson provided an overview of available data and reflected back to the discussion that occurred at the April CCFAC meeting addressing the PPS system moving from a submission system to a reporting system.
    - a. There are many different resources that offer data – Realtime – [Program Participation System \(PPS\) | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), Dashboards – [Mental Health: Statistics | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), Reports – Gaps and Needs Assessments, MHSIP surveys, [Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)
    - b. Questions asked of the CCFAC
 

What additional data are we looking for beyond these noted?  
 What data do we need to collect to make informed decisions about SOC?  
 What questions do you have that data collection might answer as they might already exist or potentially re-design the data collection processes?  
 What are Key Performance Indicators that we want to look at?

      - i. Jill Ellinwood commented that if data was a love language there would be more shared ownership of what data is gleaned, data sought is one way at this point.
      - ii. Robert Kaminski commented that one question that could be asked is whether there was change of personnel during your time of data collection of a service. It should be noted that consistency and relationship building is critical when supporting children's and families and it can be difficult with continued change with staff.
      - iii. Kia Kjensrud – stated that she is always interested in that longitudinal view. Once upon a time, in the Race to the Top grant era, there was money dedicated to a Longitudinal Data System (focused on an early childhood implementation, but in principle would be ongoing) and I think that's critical. If you're going to get funding, you need the long view.
      - iv. Jill Ellinwood questioned possible review of CST data report to include CANS and MHSIP and possibly PPS data and was this

data provided to counties in 2021 that provided information for 2020. Was a similar report created for the year 2021?

- v. Hugh Davis identified that the challenge is that data received is not timely and dated when finally received.

7. Presentations: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

- a. Jason Cram, DHS, and Shelby McCulley, DCF, provided an overview of the focus on Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

- i. A committee was developed to begin to look at the development of a PRTF
- ii. PRTF is an intensive psychiatric care facility for youth and young adults up to age 21, outside of WMHI and would be a new provider type that would be Medicaid reimbursable
- iii. Typical stay is up to 6 months, but most likely less (a higher level of care and individuals would transition)
- iv. Groups that have been approached include: ICW, County Directors, SCAODA, Mental Health Council, HMO's, WAFCA, WICSA, Hospital Boards
- v. Partnership developed with DHS and DCF to address the needs of out-of-home care
- vi. Out-of-care placements have decreased; though, there has been an increase in high intensity need of children placed out-of-home care, which are located outside of Wisconsin.
- vii. The need for this higher level of care has increased and there are limited resources throughout the state. The committee has worked on developing a proposal to focus on addressing this need
- viii. There have been several initiatives throughout the years to begin addressing the needs such as the development of YCF
- ix. Committee has engaged in conversations with many out-of-state facilities that has allowed for better understanding of these out of state facilities it is the recommendation to begin with an in-state Facility (size 25 – 30 beds) and would increase overtime

1. Questions:

- a. Rob Kaminski - will this reduce the number of children being sent out of the state?
  - i. At the beginning this would most likely not decrease the number of youth placed out of state, but long-term the focus would be to decrease the number of youth placed out of state
- b. Jill Ellinwood - is there a timeline for implementation?
  - i. Budget proposal will include recommendations from many different committees and organizations
  - ii. This would include the development of a new rule
- c. Hugh Davis - are there alternative ways to address these needs to avoid entering the child-welfare system and to address the mental health needs of youth that would not negatively impact families i.e., costs?
 

Motion to amend the above question to reflect the statement pertaining to the differences between the current system (residential care centers, which require entering the child welfare system) and PRTFs; along with pointing out that voluntary placements in RCCs may result in a court order for parents to pay child support.

- i. The focus would not be addressing that that youth are placed out of state, but would also allow for easier capability to collect data and numbers
  - d. Hugh Davis - will parents be included in the workgroup that will have the ability to provide feedback?
    - i. There is a need to have many different voices and the stories
  - e. Hugh Davis - when will the draft budget paper be available for review?
    - i. Agency Budget – September and Governor’s Budget – February
  - f. John Bauman – who would be the primary population for this facility, youth involved within the juvenile justice system and/or non-system youth? Concerns that youth who are involved within the system would fill-up the space that would then limit youth who would need a placement to address one’s mental health needs
    - i. This would not be a court order placement (48 / 938), this would focus on medical necessity for admission
  - g. Phil Robinson suggested that the CCFAC could offer a letter of support to be provided to the Department and to the Governor to support the development of this facility
- 8. Public comment
  - a. LSS is celebrating 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
414 Broadway Street Suite 101 Baraboo, WI –  
Open House and 140th Celebration  
7.29.2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 9. Announcements (upcoming training and conferences, staff changes, agency milestones)
  - a. 2022 meeting dates: 10/25/2022
  - b. [Now is the Time 2022](#)
  - c. [Wraparound Milwaukee Training & In-Service Schedules](#)
  - d. [Children Come First Conference - Wisconsin Family Ties | Nov 7-8, 2022 - Kalahari Resort • Wisconsin Dells \(wifamilyties.org\)](#)
- 10. Adjournment
  - a. Jill Ellinwood motioned to adjourn
  - b. Hugh Davis seconded the motion to adjourn
  - c. Adjourned at 12:23 p.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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Prepared by: Danielle Graham-Heine on 8.4.2022.

These minutes are in final form. They were be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 10/25/2022