

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Children Come First (CCF) Advisory Committee		Attending: Amanda Huber, Amy Polsin, Andrea Gugel, Angela Clements, Bright, Kenya , David Carlson, Greg Gintz, Heidi Roettger, Jennifer McBain, Jill Chaffee, Jill Ellinwood, Kathy Markland, Kelsey Vincent, Kia Kjensrud, Leanne Delsart, Matthew Strittmater, Melanie Fleischmann, Michelle Lund, Nichol Wienkes , Phillip Robinson, Rashaan Cherry, Rebecca Bell, Robert Kaminski, Sarah Dillinger, Scott Strong, Tibissum Rice
Date: 7/22/2025	Time Started: 10:11am	Time Ended: 12:23pm
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting		Staff to Committee: Leanne Delsart in place of Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel Presiding Officer: Phil Robinson

Minutes

1. Welcome, call to order, and introductions: 10:11am
2. Good news check-in: members shared community events and personal good news
3. Motion to approve April 22, 2025 minutes
 - a) 1st: Scott Strong
 - b) 2nd: Greg Gintz / Amy Polsin
 - c) Abstain: Tibissum Rice
4. Membership spotlight: Angela Clements shared her story and her purpose.
5. Children's System of Care Champion nomination review
 - a) 3rd annual.
 - b) 19 nominations.
 - c) Will be awarded at the Children Come First Conference.
 - d) Phil requested 5-8 volunteers to review and score the nominations. The process is confidential.
 - e) Amy Polsin, Sarah Dillinger, Jennifer McBain, Nichol Wienkes, Rebecca Bell, Rashaan Cherry volunteered
6. Children Come First Advisory Committee subcommittee update
 - a) Samantha Feryance provided updates.
 - b) 3 new members.
 - c) Reviewed and prioritized key results from the strategic plan. August meeting will finalize the priorities to propose to the full committee for adoption to take action on.
7. Networking survey map
 - a) 24 responses.
 - b) The survey will close on 8/4/25. Link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8218851/Children-Come-First-Advisory-Committee-Member-Activity-Scan>
8. Department of Health Services updates

- a) Leanne Delsart: SB108 and SB 106 have connections to the CSOC strategic plan, available upcoming events and trainings, Interagency Council on Mental Health survey closed end of June.
- b) Kenya Bright: Lynn Maday-Bigboy was hired in the UW contract position to start 8/1/25.
- c) Matt Strittmater and Kathy Markeland highlighted the importance of CCFAC involvement in DHS and legislative initiatives.

Break from 11:02-11:12am

9. Update/discussion of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families public hearing
 - a) Kathy Markeland provided an update related to the joint hearing in May: the hearing reviewed four of the six bills and two (PRTF and sharing minor safety plans) were advanced and signed by the governor and funded. No hearing on CBHI and transportation for minors yet. No action taken on clinician initiation of minor emergency detentions or Medicaid waiver. Transportation of Minors for ED was moved to the assembly.
 - b) Jill Chaffee highlighted that there was strong parent voice in the hearing.
 - c) Committee discussion regarding PRTF next steps: bringing people to the table to meet with DHS to plan what it will look like, national structures and federal codes are in place to learn from, grant dollars will be insufficient to create a sustainable service, Medicaid billing will need to be approved at the federal level and may not be a sufficient payor source, there is a commitment and sense of urgency to move it forward.
10. Governor's Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council update
 - a) David Carlson provided an update.
 - b) Executive order #59 established the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council. Links: <https://equitycouncil.wi.gov/Pages/exec-order.aspx> GEIAC website
<https://equitycouncil.wi.gov/Pages/Members.aspx>
 - c) Panel discussion will be held on 8/15/25 focusing on access to care at the municipal level, invite to come.
11. Committee reflections on meeting content and next steps
 - a) David Carlson shared that Medicaid funding for violence interrupters is available in other states but not in WI. ARPA fundings that currently supports this service is ending. Also shared that current services can do some of the work, such as emotional regulation, through skill development and other codes that are billable. The rehab review process could be better explained to the community so people know how to access it.
 - b) Jill Chaffee is interested in analysis of what CBHI/the Medicaid waiver would have offered and what currently exists in the CSOC that could be used to fill the gaps.
 - c) Jill Ellinwood noted that we need to broaden our lens to be more inclusive of vulnerable people/communities and issues that need to be addressed. Current lens is antiquated.
 - d) Matt Strittmater inquired about adding a committee member from Medicaid and opportunities to continue the work started under the Medicaid waiver in partnership with counties.
 - e) Phil Robinson shared the need to partner to address infant and maternal mental health to expand funding and access.
 - f) Zach Todd shared the idea of creating opportunities to use/apply the information shared in the meeting in action. The information shared can inform the work of the subcommittee to advance the strategic plan.

- g) Kathy Markeland shared there were a number of initiatives that were ARPA funded that will lose investment and an inventory of those initiatives may spur discussion/planning on how to sustain the investment and efforts that have downstream impact.
 - h) Sara Dillinger shared the work of Health Minds Healthy Children. Link: <https://www.healthymindswi.org/>.
 - i) Heidi Roettger inquired about how we can better understand funding and opportunities to be more prevention focused and how a greater number of diverse entities can access funding to do this work. Also wondered how funding access can be simplified to be more efficient and cost-effective vs “use it or lose it”.
12. Public comment: none
13. Member announcements (upcoming training and conferences, staff changes, agency milestones)
- a) White Pine is hosting the CCS/CST state-wide meeting on 9/3/25 from 9am-4pm. The theme is: Building your local system of care
 - b) Governor’s Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council panel discussion on 8/15/25 time and location TBD
14. 2025 next meeting date: October 28th
15. Adjournment at 12:23pm
- a) 1st Jill Ellinwood
 - b) 2nd Greg Gintz

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