



The Combined Community Services Board Meeting September 14, 2022

The **Combined Community Services Board** convened virtually on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and or conference call options (computer or telephone).

Board Members Present:

Dennise Lavrenz, Chair
Tiffany Payne
Duncan Shrout
Julie Alexander
Cindy Bentley
Robyn Rodgers
Supervisor Priscilla Coggs-Jones (Chandra Staples)

Board Members Excused:

Luanne McGregor
Lisa Burg

Milwaukee County Staff:

Marietta Luster, *DHHS-ADS*
Anouvong Chanthavixay, *DHHS-CYFS*
Shakita LaGrant-McClain *DHHS*
Schinika Fitch, *County Executive's Office*
Christel Colorado *DHHS-ADS*
Daniel Idzikowski *DHHS-ADS*
Chandra Staples
Matt Fortman *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public

Chris Holmes

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:

Chairwoman Dennise Lavrenz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Christel Colorado, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disabilities Services (DHHS/ADS) Executive Assistant, took roll call. Quick introduction of the board was given to Tina Anderson, ADRC director.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE JULY 13, 2022, COMBINED COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To accept the July 13, 2022, Combined Community Services Board meeting minutes. Revision of typos and correction of Robyn's name.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Alexander Moved, Bentley Second)

III. COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE UPDATE ON BOARD MEMBERSHIP, SCHINIKA FITCH, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

Director Fitch updated the board that all vacancies are currently filled. The County Executive's Office was also given, more than 500 Milwaukee County residents and employee were able to engage in the 2023 budget town hall in August. First successful in-person budget outreach since the onset of the pandemic. The next step for the budget process is; the County Executive will be introducing his recommended 2023 budget to the Board of Supervisors at the end of the month. Chairwomen Dennise asked Schinika about the vacancy in representation of a parent. Dolores Salas is present in the meeting and would like to move forward in being appointed. Schnika commented that she will have to reach out to the office of OCC to see if possible since there are no vacancies in this board. Chairwomen Dennise, Schnika and Shakita will be meeting regarding this position along with the supervisor position. Member Duncan commented to the board that this will be his last term. He will suggest some potential board members in the future to replace his position.

IV. DHHS BEHAVIOR HEALTH SERVICES BHS UPDATE, MIKE LAPPEN: Mike Lappen was unable to present.

V. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES UPDATE, MARIETTA LUSTER, DHHS-ADS ADMINISTRATOR, AND DAN IDZIKOWSKI, PROGRAM AND POLICY COORDINATOR (DHHS) AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES

Administrator Marietta Luster updated the board the ADRC has hired three I&A specialists as well as three Option Counselors. They have also hired the Aging and Disability Resource Center director, Tina Anderson. Director Tina Anderson introduced herself. She has background in Long Term Care, with Long Term Care Medicaid specialist and policy analyst of the state of Wisconsin. She has been a supervisor at Family Care for an internal team and placement team, where she learned every department of Family Care and how it operates. She has worked in the nonprofit sector, then moved to Milwaukee County working in economic development, assisting in opening the mental health clinics. Director Tina Anderson is looking forward in working with everyone and being supportive of the needs of Milwaukee County that fall into the Aging of Disabilities. Administrator Marietta Luster shared with the board the new Aging and unit director, Dan Idzikowski. Director Dan Idzikowski shared he was formally the policy manager for DHHS Aging and Disabilities Services. He ensures the CCSB board is an important role in ensuring advocacy for people with disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues who are older adults. He thanked the board for advocacy, in projects they've worked together before including transportation and long-term care. He looks forward in continuing collaboration with the CCSB board.

Administrator Marietta Luster invited the CCSB board to join the Aging and Disability Services team, as we walk to end Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 18th. The event starts at 8 a.m., the walk starts at 10 a.m. at the Henry Maier Festival Park, 639 S. Summerfest Place. Administrator Marietta Luster commented that Dan will be sharing with the board updates regarding the 7000 surveys that were sent out and returned. Director Dan Idzikowski briefly shared about the nutrition surveys and transportation surveys. There are a variety of different meal programs through the Older Americans Act congregate dining programs, with 20 different meal sites across the county. Since COVID most of the congregate dining sites were transferred to take out meals as well as meal deliver. The Meals on Wheels program delivers directly to an individual's home. Goodwill is used as a proxy to help with delivering these meals. During the pandemic Director Gaylyn Reske, has help start a dine-in program. This program helps support minority owned businesses to provide people food choices outside of the traditional vendor. A great deal of promotion had been invested to this program; postcard mailers were sent out between 7,000 – 10,000 people. Advertisement was done on the radio, newspaper, email, and social media. The flyers brought in a tremendous response in a period of three month, close to 1,000 calls inquired or were interested to sign up for the program. Over 100 new diners were signed up but had the opportunity to educate close to 1,000 people about this program. Programs like these are currently being funded by the American Act ARPA dollar, to sustain programs like these federal or state funding will be needed. Most congregate sites are reopening volunteers will be needed to help with distribution and help with organizational and promotional activities. Director Dan Idzikowksi gave an update on, transportation. Alena DeGrado transportation coordinator has promoted a survey to the community around barriers of transportation. Results from the survey were not shocking, the largest barrier includes intra-county transportation. Other issues include the move towards rapid transit lines, and a need to expand the volunteer driving program. She is currently working with Milwaukee County Transportation to work towards assisting clients to the Milwaukee County Senior Centers. Director Dan Idzikowski shares they are releasing a new RFP for the year of 2023. Due to COVID this this neighborhood opportunities program was on hold. Lastly updates for older adult, they are partnering with the City of Milwaukee and RiverWorks to bring on a financial navigator program. This program will help order adults who are transition from a life changing event to ensure a smooth transition. By assisting them with credit counseling, budgeting, and financial navigation.

VI. CHILDREN'S YOUTH AND FAMILY'S SERVICES UPDATE, ANOUVONG CHANTHAVIXAY, CHILDREN'S SERVICE COORDINATOR

Kelly Pethke Interim Administrator for Children, Youth and Family Services and Anouvong Chanthavixay Program Manager presented a PowerPoint.

Discussed Birth to 3/CLTS/CCOP and happenings in Birth to 3/CLTS/CCOP.

Program Manager Toto gave a brief update on CLTS. CLTS Continue to grow in enrollments. They are currently close to 2000 enrollments. Two more supervisors have been hired to help with growth and support the team. The internal team is made up of 13 staff and 3 contract agencies, HA Counseling, Curative and Saint Francis. CLTS continues to work on the gap, transitioning children into the adults with the pilot program. Children's is currently working preparing for next year's conference with Circles of Life. CYFS has collaborated with the Aging and Disabilities team, they have applied for the home community-based services ARPA grant. They hope to get more families attend next year's conference and even more with the ARPA dollars. The ARPA dollars will also help identify providers to help contract agencies with training and retain staff.

Birth to 3 updates, the Family-Focused Pandemic Recovery Supports Grant was approved from ARPA. B-3 was awarded \$200,000 from the Child Focus Grant. They have met with the Promote Local to help create more outreach and spread media presence out in the community. Program Supervisor Toto would like to focus on the Latino X community and the Asian community population, the Birth-3 program along with the CLTS program have been very low. Recent B-3 outreach was done in Mexican Fiesta; it was a success where families were able to learn about the program. A recent article in the newspaper got Program Manager Toto's attention where a 13-year-old child in a wheelchair was unable to be picked up by the bus. He has then reached out to the grandmother to schedule with one of the intake team staff, hopefully to start services. Talk about home modifications are in the works, for this family to facilitate the child. Many people are unaware of these programs, but they are looking to reach more cases like this one out in the community. Program Manager Toto shared another recent family that was helped in a short period of time. A 2-year-old daughter with many medical needs. Was able to schedule a screener the next day to complete a functional screen to get them eligible for their programs.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET REPORT: SHAKITA LAGRANT MCCLAIN, DIRECTOR DHHS

Chief Financial Officer Matt Fortman reported on behalf of Director Shakita LaGrant. Matt Fortman presented a PowerPoint; on the 2023 budget requests for the Department of Health and Human Services. Matt shares that the Department of Health and Human Services consist of Aging and Disabilities, Children, Youth and Family Services, Behavioral Health, Housing Services, Management Services and Veteran Services. Matt discussed the mission of empowering safe health and meaningful lives along with the vision of creating healthy communities. Matt focused on the two main overarching strategies "No Wrong Door" and "Population Health and System Change". Matt shared with the board the 2023 major funding sources. The largest source is from State and Federal with 45%, Direct Revenue at 35 % and Tax Levy with 21%. The 2023 Budget does not

include the American Rescue Plan Act and the Opioid Settlement funding. An overview of the combined DHHS services was shown, the salary and fringe benefits are decreasing by about \$13 million due to the closure of the hospital. It will not result in a net decrease due to that the inpatient beds will be operated at the private hospital in West Allis, Granite Hills. However, the County is not directly involved, cost will not be in the books. CLTS and CCs programming will have a huge increase due to State funding. There is a Housing Trauma response crisis project of \$2 million. They continue to expand the behavioral health and comprehensive community services program for the youth and adults with an \$8.9 million expansion. A new peer specialist training program in BHD will have a budget of \$100,000, goal is increase certification in the community. There will be a \$1.9 million increase funding for community support program providers. The ADRC will have new positions including a new advanced professional classification \$100,000 budget. The increase in placements have drastically gone up in youth justice services there is a need to invest \$5.7 million to meet the ongoing needs for the Youth Correction placement services. There will be a cut in the Community-Based Services Youth Services by \$2.1 million. Matt shared new positions within Aging & Disabilities Services, Housing Services, Behavioral Health Services and Children, Youth & Family Services. See PowerPoint Slide. He shared the supplemental requests which included staff salary increases, restoration of community-based youth justice funding, a DA assistant position, and a match funding for the Older American Act ARPA funding for 2023. Lastly Matt shared the Capital Project Request for the Milwaukee County Senior Centers.

VIII. CCSB ADVOCACY REPORTS:

a) Board Member Reports

Board member Tiffany Payne reported that written letters to Senator Baldwin and Senator Ron Johnson to increase funding for home and community-based care. Tiffany has also completed a survey around health care for people with disabilities. Tiffany would like to bring back the idea of creating an event calendar for the board. She shared with the board the Family Foundation will be sponsoring a pop-up vaccine clinic at Ascension Fellowship on September 24, 2022, located 2429 West Hampton Ave. Hours will be between 11 A.M to 3 P.M. Chairwomen thanked Tiffany for sending out those letters. She shared she would like assistance from the board on crafting letters to send to Evers regarding tax levy and funding. Chairwomen commented about the community event calendar, Tiffany will be working with Christel to get started.

Board member Julie Alexander shared she has also written to Baldwin and Johnson. Julie has been involved in the Wauwatosa politics with the new strategic planning. She shares that there will be 2 new housing

developments built next year. Another project related to housing is Cornerstone Village, which Bethesda is currently working on. They have gone through the approval process and are still working on the affordability part of it. They plan to work with Milwaukee County for ARPA funding to do gap funding. Currently also working with Land Trust, the city would own the land where housing would be built to make it accessible and affordable to people. Julie is a member of the Commission of Person with Disabilities; she shares they are currently working with the Wauwatosa school district to better serve people with disabilities. With facility changes they would like to ensure that the new art program and recreation wellness center is accessible for people with students with disabilities. They are also looking into employment, for transitioning students to have job showing and more options for employment. Julie shared that through the ARPA funding they have gotten permission for a new park at Wauwatosa, she has been a part putting together accessibility. Lastly, she has been working on election issues, making the polls more acceptable.

Board member Cindy Bentley shared she would really appreciate the community event calendar. She has been working on disability voting, she has been working with Barbara Becker. She reminded the board to register to vote and to make sure voters have their ID's. Independence First will be having new voting polls. UWM will have 4 new accessible voting polls for early voting.

Board member Robyn Rogers shared she is part of the Milwaukee Urban board, where they share what is happening within the city. Her church will be hosting the major, he is expected to talk about the city budget. This event is open to the public and will be held at Greater Birth located at 8237 West Silver Spring. Topics will include what the City of Milwaukee does and doesn't do, revenues and expenditures, general fund, the city checking account, key challenges, and opportunities the city faces in the 2023 budget.

Chandra Staples, representing Supervisor Priscilla Coggs-Jones did not have any updates on behalf of Priscilla. She kindly asked to share any information by calling the office at 414-278-4201.

Chairwomen Dennise Lavrenz shared with the board she is a member of the Long-Term Care Advisory Council. She recently attended a meeting which discussed how the state dollars are being spent in the department of Medicaid funding. Updates on the happenings of ARPA, and updates from the Department of Public Health regarding the pandemic emergency. The meeting focused on workforce development, ensuring appropriate support is given to all community members including caregivers, navigators and people assisting people. Talk about providing free training and certification in a variety of specialties for supportive care. A presentation on the State

health assessment dealing with the major issues the board discuss. She emphasizes how important it is to be introduced as part of Milwaukee County to support the Combined Community Service board. Lastly, Dennise is cochairing the Mental Health Community Engagement, Brenda Wesley is cochairing the Advisory Council. She has coordinated a professional 3-day conference where she will be taking all this information to the nurses across the state within Milwaukee County.

b) Advocacy Calendar 2022

I. Announcements:

1. Attend events presented today if possible and report next meeting feedback. Board to send Christel March, April and May advocacy.
2. Log onto the Board meeting 10 minutes prior to meeting so we can start on time
3. Contact Christel for help with county email
4. Contact Schinika for board swearing in reassignment requirement
5. Thank you for sending in website pictures and your advocacy

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at **12:03 p.m.**

The next Combined Community Services Board will be November 9, 2022, at 10 a.m., a virtual Teams meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Christel Colorado
Executive Assistant