

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Children Come First Advisory Committee (CCFAC)		Attending: Samantha Feryance, Lori Martin representing Phil Robinson, Joanne Kitelinger, Rob Kaminski, Emma McGovern, Hugh Davis, Phyllis Greenberger, Amanda Huber, Andrea Gugel, Leanne Delsart, Greg Gintz, Kia Kjensrud, Kathryn Kosmaule (Koslov), Rebecca Bell, Tibissum Rice, Rebecca Green Blanks, Jill Ellinwood, Georgette Teschner, Jason Cram, Kenya Bright, Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel	
Date: 10/25/2022	Time Started: 10:03 a.m.	Time Ended: 11:23 a.m.	
Location: https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1607171355		Presiding Officer: Samatha Feryance	
Minutes			

OPEN MEETING NOTICE

Children Come First (CCF) Advisory Committee

Vision: Children and families are valued, understood, and supported in their communities.

October 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 called meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
 - b. Roll call
2. Good news check-in
 - a. Leanne Delsart announced that WCY has recently opened a youth crisis stabilization for girls.
 - b. Greg Gintz announced personal good news.
 - c. Kia Kjensrud announced the development of a Pod Cast that will be 12 episodes that will be released November 1.
 - d. Jason Cram provided personal good news; along with the system of care self-assessment tool is now a published document and is gaining national attention. [Children's System of Care Self-Assessment Tool, Instructions \(wisconsin.gov\)](#)
 - e. Jason Cram and Ann Kelley-K identified the Statewide Survey of the Wisconsin Children's System of Care is open and there have been numerous responses. [Children's System of Care | Wisconsin Department of Health Services Statewide Survey of the Wisconsin Children's System of Care \(surveygizmo.com\)](#)
3. Approval of July 26, 2022, minutes
 - a. Samantha provided an update around the agenda due to unforeseen

- b. Rebecca Bell motioned to approve July 26, 2022 minutes
 - c. Phyllis Greenberger 2nd the motion to approve the minutes
 - d. Approved
 - e. After approval Hugh Davis noted in the July Minutes there seemed to be an error reflecting that 7(a)(ix)(1)(c) is not consistent with the discussion. He identified that he recalled he was not asking a question but pointing out the difference between our current system (residential care centers, which require entering the child welfare system) and PRTFs. He also pointed out that voluntary placement in RCCs may result in a court order for parents to pay child support.
 - i. Minutes were requested to be updated to reflect conversation.
4. Member spotlight: Tibbisum Rice
 - a. Tibbisum Rice provided member spotlight
 5. Co-chair nominations
 - a. Samantha Feryance identified nomination of Co-Chair of Kia Kjensrud.
 - b. Kia Kjensrud nominated for Co-Chair position with no additional nominations.
 - c. Phyllis Greenberger provided history of co-chairs and rotation
 - d. Greg Gintz motioned to nominate Kia Kjensrud as Co-Chair beginning in 2023.
 - e. Joanne Kitelinger seconded the motion to nominate Kia Kjensrud as Co-Chair.
 - f. Approved
 6. New members nominations
 - a. Amy Polsin has expressed interest in CCFAC Membership
 - i. Discussion was had regarding Amy Polsin's interest in the CCFAC Membership, and it was identified that Phil Robinson and Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel met with her to discuss interest in CCFAC.
 - ii. Robert Kaminski offered information about Amy and his relationship with Amy
 - iii. Karen Bittner offered information about professional relationship with Amy and connection with
 - iv. Jason Cram offered information about professional relationship and her understanding of committees and meetings, as well as strong parent advocacy
 - b. Jill Ellinwood motioned to nominate Amy Polsin as a committee member for the CCFAC
 - c. Phyllis Greenberger seconded the motion to nominate Amy Polsin as a committee member.
 - d. Approved
 7. Report: System of Care updates
 - a. 2022 Priorities
 - i. System of Care Summit 2023
 1. Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel provided an update regarding the System of Care Summit
 - a. Engage, equip, and Empower
 - b. Inspiration
 - i. Message invite has been recorded and will be sent out

- ii. Creating a list of in-person and virtual invite for April 25 that will include inspirational messages
- iii. Gary Blau is the Keynote Speaker focusing on implementation
- iv. Change Matrix is assisting with developing summit

c. Information

- i. Gathering information multi-modal approach
- ii. Publication of survey current has over 400 responses
- iii. Representation of completed surveys include tribes, counties, primary care physicians, providers/clinicians, parents and caregivers
- iv. Sharing Circles will be scheduled with parents and caregivers and young adults
 - 1. Tribal Sharing Circles are tentatively scheduled for November
 - 2. Information has been provided at Area Administration Regional Directors
 - 3. Use of Thought Exchange to collect information
 - 4. Sharing Circles scheduled for November and December
- v. Summit Dates - April 25 and 26

d. Change Matrix is reviewing and putting the data together

e. Implement – developing an action plan with all information gathered and from first day of Summit

f. An in-person meeting took place in August

- i. This was a collaborative meeting to focus on how to start and how to implement a statewide system of care, along with how to implement statewide
- ii. Phyllis Greenberger shared her takeaways from the in-person meeting
- iii. There is another in-person meeting scheduled for January 2023.
- iv. Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel also identified in the development of a Children's System of Care to include Wisconsin Family Ties, as Hugh Davis has always been a critical partner in helping capture the thoughts of parents.

ii. Initial findings of Coordinated Service Teams/Comprehensive Community Services program surveys- Laura Gebhardt

- 1. Due to a conflict this presentation will be moved to the January 24, 2023 CCFAC Meeting.

8. System of Care Champion Award

- a. Jason Cram proposed the committee adapt an annual System of Care Champion Award that would acknowledge an individual and/or agency to the work that is being completed around a Children System of Care.
- b. Jason recognized the CCS 9 County Region for the current work that they are doing to address and improve upon their system of care.
 - i. Completed the self-assessment tool
 - ii. Developed an action plan to improve their system of care
 - iii. Suggested that the CCS 9 County Region receive the first annual System of Care Champion Award., which would be presented at the April 2023 System of Care Summit.
 1. Robert Kaminski supported this award and identified that this would acknowledge the work that many do, which is not always recognized
 2. Kia Kjensrud supported the idea and suggested that the process can be fine-tuned on how people/entities are selected.
 3. Jill Ellinwood supported the idea.
 - iv. Approved

9. Public comment

- a. Angela Clements expressed interest in CCFAC membership
 - i. Ann KK will follow-up with information

10. Announcements (upcoming training and conferences, staff changes, agency milestones)

- a. 2023 meeting dates: January 24th, May 9th, July 25th, October 24th
 - i. Reminder of 2023 dates and change to scheduled meeting due to the System of Care Summit
- b. Hugh Davis provided reminder of Children Come First Conference scheduled November 7 – 8 [Children Come First Conference - Wisconsin Family Ties | Nov 7-8, 2022 - Kalahari Resort • Wisconsin Dells \(wifamilyties.org\)](#)
- c. Kia Kjensrud offered information about the annual open forum with sessions to focus on student athletes and mental health is at [Athlete 360: The Role of Primary Care in Sports, Activity and Well Being Tickets, Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- d. Kia Kjensrud offered a comment pertaining to youth who receive Katie Beckett and how there have been improvements with the process and enrollment.
 - i. It was acknowledged, by Bureau of Children's Services representative that the enrollment process has improved to include the length of time to process an application.
- e. Robert Kaminski brought forth a question to the group regarding Outagamie County CCS provided a new brochure to highlight differences between CCS, CLTS and CST, which it was felt that this is a great resource for parents. The question that was asked focused on a statement within the brochure that is identified under CST: is a short-term program. Therefore, is CST a short-term program?

- i. Hugh Davis offered historical information that took place about 10 years ago and this committee dedicated several meetings to defining "CST, The Next Generation." There were several recommendations, including analysis of the sufficiency of funding (our position was that state-wideness - the state's goal - was less important than ensuring that the funding was sufficient for a county or tribe to run a CST initiative). It was asked that the state to do some analysis to determine the base amount necessary to run a CST initiative (of any size). The recommendation was neither accepted nor rejected, but it was never done.
 1. Suggested to provide the identified recommendations to the committee for review
 2. Additional discussion around looking at how Counties and Tribes are using grant dollars
- f. Recommendation to have a future topic for CCFAC Meeting to look at grant dollars, Medicaid requirements for billable services, and use of other funds

11. Adjournment

- a. Joanne Kitelinger motioned to adjourn
- b. Greg Gintz second the motion to adjourn
- c. Approved

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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