



Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 8, 2017
Justice Center – Multipurpose Room

The Door County Partnership for Children and Families, together with our partner organizations, is dedicated to connecting people to resources through a family-centered approach in order to achieve social emotional well-being and school success.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Candis welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She also reminded everyone to sign in if they had not already done so.
- b. Agency Updates - Based on the responses from the survey done after the June Quarterly Meeting, we will now be doing brief agency updates and introductions. This will provide an opportunity for everyone to share upcoming events or exciting news that they may have. For future meetings, please feel free to bring any flyers you may have and updates you want to share.
 - Mary Ellen Smith (Door County Public Health)
 - Prevent Suicide Walk will take place on Monday, September 11th. See the flyer for more details.
 - Amy Kohnle (United Way of Door County):
 - United Way is offering the FamilyWize Prescription Discount Cards. These are available to everyone and they will be working to get the information more widely available. <http://unitedwaydc.com/our-work/familywize>
 - United Way's Chefs for a Day event will take place on Saturday, October 7th, 2017. Watch for details to come.
 - Vicki Dantoin (Door County Public Health)
 - Today (September 8th) is her last day at the Door County Public Health Department. She has taken a new position with the Shawano and Menominee Counties Public Health Department.
 - Barb Johnson-Giese (Door County Medical Center)
 - DCMC has received their 2-year certification.
 - Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club of Door County)
 - Martha is the new Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Boys & Girls Club
 - Julie Davis (Boys & Girls Club of Door County)
 - The Boys & Girls Club will be making changes to the program schedule to better serve the kids with trauma backgrounds (they will be doing homerooms and making changes to the schedule).
 - Beth Lokken (Door County Library)
 - September 16th will be the Chalk the Bay event (9 am – 2 pm), where they will be doing chalk art on the sidewalk on Nebraska Street
 - Abby Brown (HELP of Door County)
 - The Halloween Ball will be Saturday, October 28th at the Door County Fire Company.
 - Kathy Schultz (Door County Department of Human Services)

- There are new staff members at the Department of Human Services.
- They enjoyed being a part of Safe Kids Door County event.
- Dakota Londo (Door County Public Health)
 - QPR Training – Wednesday, September 20th from 1-2 p.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Door County Government Center. This training is open to anyone who would like to attend.
- Brian O’Handley
 - The School year started successfully.
 - Sunrise School is partnering with the State DPI as a pilot program for mental health providers in the school. They will have a dedicated room for therapists.
- Sandy Duckett (We Are HOPE, Inc.)
 - Served more than 100 families with energy assistance in the last year.
 - September 14th – Annual Celebration of Hope Luncheon/Annual Meeting
 - September 20th – Job Fair
 - Offer 16 workshops each month at the American Job Center.
- Kris Miller (Lakeshore CAP – Cradle to Career)
 - Jak’s Place – benefitted from a recent showing of the TAP play “Everything is Brilliant.”
- Gina Felhofer (Family Services)
 - Healthy Families program has recently had a few case closures. Please continue to refer families to this program.
- Teresa Mertens (WIC)
 - In the process of hiring a new Peer Breastfeeding Counselor
- c. Candis let everyone know that the first newsletter for the Partnership was sent out on Thursday, September 7th. Please feel free to send Candis any information about your upcoming events or news that you would like to see shared in future newsletters.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Collaboration Committee – Vicki Dantoin

- Provider Section of the Door County Parents website
 - www.doorcountyparents.com/providers
 - Vicki showed the provider section of the website and showed how the page is password protected.
 - The password has been shared previously with providers. If you are in need of the password, please contact Candis Dart.
 - a. This password is the same for all providers. The reason for having the page password protected is to prevent the general public from getting confused by the information. There will not be any private information stored in this section of the webpage.
 - Please take some time to explore this section of the website. The purpose is for it to be used as a resource. We will continue to post information from trainings and subcommittee meetings, as well as information about upcoming trainings and events.
 - Please let Candis know if there is anything that needs to be changed, added, or updated.

- Raising of America Community Presentation
 - The Collaboration Committee is looking into the possibility of doing a Community Presentation with the Raising of America program.
 - The committee is looking at potentially doing something this Fall. Continue to watch for details on this.
 - Vicki shared the trailer for the program with the group. You can view the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JgU_dRQyww.

- b. Parent Education Committee – Tenley Koehler
 - Block Parties
 - The Committee is looking at doing Block Parties this Fall, as our parent/family activity. Block Parties are opportunities for parents and children to play together through a series of different activities with different types of blocks. This program has been done in other areas and has been successful. At this point, we are able to borrow the blocks from another county to use for our program.
 - We will need volunteers to assist us with the stations on the day of the event.
 - Raising a Thinking Child
 - The next session of Raising a Thinking Child will begin on Monday, October 2nd and will run on Mondays until Monday, November 20th. The program is free and will include free childcare and free family meals.
 - Please continue to advertise this program to anyone who might be interested. A flyer will be included with the meeting minutes. If you need any printed copies of the flyer, please let Candis know.
 - If necessary, Tenley is willing to make the first contact with families if they are uncomfortable reaching out to her.
 - Childcare: We are in need of volunteers to help us with Childcare for the 8 weeks of the program. If you are available to volunteer, please let Candis know as soon as possible. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who might be interested in helping.
 - I Can Problem Solve
 - Tenley shared the results from the first year of I Can Problem Solve (ICPS). This is the school program that pairs with the Raising a Thinking Child curriculum. The 2016-2017 school year was the first year for ICPS at the Sturgeon Bay Elementary schools.
 - The results from this first year are very impressive. Tenley shared a PowerPoint with the data. Please refer to the PowerPoint for more details.
 - a. Approximately 70 Kindergarten Students were evaluated by their teachers at the beginning and end of the school year. They will be evaluated again at the end of 1st grade and the end of 2nd grade.
 - b. Compared to a national scale (which accounts for changes in a child's abilities due just to getting older), all Kindergarten students increased 12 percentile points. We would expect it to remain the same if there were no interventions.
 - c. For effect size, a 0.2 would be significant enough for policy change.
 - The Sturgeon Bay Elementary School plans to continue using ICPS.

- Tenley shared that the children, parents, and schools all need our support for programs such as these.
- Tenley is trained to train other schools and daycare providers in the ICPS program if anyone is interested.
- ICPS lessons are 5-10 minutes long and are done 2-3 times/week in the classroom
- In August, Tenley was featured on the Larry Meiller show on WPR with Dr. Myrna Shure (author of Raising a Thinking Child and I Can Problem Solve). For anyone interested in listening, the recording is available here:
<https://www.wpr.org/shows/helping-kids-back-school-issues/>
 - There is also an article featuring Tenley and Dr. Shure here:
<https://www.wpr.org/3-ways-help-your-childs-back-school-blues>.

c. Community Resources Committee – Beth Lokken

- The next meeting for the Community Resources Committee has been rescheduled for Monday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Door County Library.
- The Committee is continuing to look for new members. If you are interested in participating, please contact Beth or Candis.

d. Marketing Committee – Candis Dart

- If you are in need of any promotional materials for the Partnership (rack cards, Community Resource Guide cards), please let Candis know. We have plenty of these available and would be more than happy to drop them off.
- The Marketing Committee has not met recently, but will be scheduling a meeting in the near future, as we look to promote the new Community Connections program and update the marketing for the overall Door County Partnership for Children and Families.

e. Executive Committee – Candis Dart

- The Executive Committee is continuing to look at the Strategic Plan and the progress that we are making towards the goals that were set. If anyone would like a copy of the Strategic Plan, please let Candis know.

3. Program: Door County Partnership for Children and Families Community Connector – Rebecca Davis

a. Candis introduced Rebecca as the new Community Connector for the Door County

Partnership for Children and Families. Rebecca was hired at the beginning of July. Since that time, we have been working to develop our program and the logistics of how it will work.

- Rebecca is a Door County parent and paraprofessional who has lived experience that will be beneficial as she begins working with families. She is not a case manager.
- In August, we met with Jillian Clemens from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and Tracy Klesper from Lakeshore CAP in Manitowoc County, to talk about a program called Connections Count. This program is very similar to what we are envisioning for Door County. They were gracious enough to travel to

Sturgeon Bay to meet with us and have shared a great deal of information and some of their forms with us. We will continue to work with them as we move forward with developing our program.

- One thing that Jillian talked about was the importance of having someone who has lived experience as the Community Connector. This experience is very beneficial when working with families and the Department of Children and Families is making a push to have individuals with lived experience in more roles for their programs.
 - The purpose of our program is not to duplicate something that is already in existence here in Door County. We aim to work collaboratively with similar programs and refer to their programs whenever appropriate.
- b. A subcommittee of members from the Executive Committee have met to develop the basics for the Door County program, which will be titled Community Connections. Rebecca shared this information in a PowerPoint.
- PLEASE NOTE: The information shared is for internal purposes and is not yet ready to be shared with the public.
 - The purpose of the program is to provide resource referral. The Community Connector is not a case manager.
- c. Candis shared that moving forward, we will be inviting members from other agencies to be on the subcommittee and help with the logistics of the program. This is in an effort to avoid duplicating services and to ensure collaboration.
- d. Feedback/Questions
- Cori McFarlane agreed with the idea that lived experience is a great thing. It is critical when trying to engage people and help them with their needs. It provides peer support.
 - Mary Ellen Smith talked about the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) program in Minnesota. This is the program that we have been looking to as an example since the Partnership began. NAZ talks about the importance of having peers being the ones who are helping families.
 - Cori McFarlane asked about the Family Achievement Plan – would there be times when families would need formal and informal supports?
 - Mary Ellen Smith stated that she wanted to make it very clear that we are not trying to duplicate any services that are already provided here in Door County.
 - Barb Johnson-Giese asked what the expected timeline/length of service would be.
 - The Connections Count program is 20 weeks long.
 - We do not necessarily want to put a time frame on our program, because it will very much depend on the needs of the families. This is, however, meant to be a short term program. The goal is to help families to become self-sufficient.
 - Cori McFarlane shared that the purpose for modeling our program after the Connections Count program is so that we are not reinventing the wheel. Connections Count is also a pilot program that is funded by the Department of Children and Families. If they decide to expand funding in the future, we will already have a program aligned to their standards – hopefully making it easier to obtain funding.

- Brian O’Handley asked about the MPOWR system and when we anticipate this will roll out?
 - Amy Kohnle shared that we are hoping to do another staff training on MPOWR soon, since it has been awhile since everyone was last trained (hopefully in late October/November). We hope to be using this with families in January.
- Cori McFarlane asked when we think we will be ready to begin working with families.
 - Candis responded that we still need to figure out some of the logistics and forms for the program. Hopefully we will be ready to begin working with families by the beginning of November. It may not take this long to be ready, but we do not want to advertise to families before we are ready. We also want to be sure that we have a program that is sustainable and well-thought out. This is our best option for encouraging families to be a part of Community Connections.
- Sandy Duckett shared that We Are HOPE Inc. does weekly orientations and triages for families. She suggested that Candis and Rebecca meet with Kim Karley to talk about this in detail.

4. Other Business

- a. There was no additional business to share at this time.

5. Future 2017 Partnership Meeting Dates

- a. The next Partnership meeting will be December 8, 2017.
- b. All meetings will be on Friday mornings at 8:15 at the Justice Center.
 - Please note, in the occasion that an event supersedes the Partnership meeting, there may be need to move the meeting, please pay attention to e-mail notifications.
 - Partnership meetings are open to the Public. Please feel free to invite others to attend in the future.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 8th at 8:15 a.m.
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